



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. +Joseph Bearer  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

**Monday, December 16, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Edna Venesky

**Tuesday, December 17, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Art Deckard  
(Eucharistic Adoration after Mass)  
10:30 a.m. Holy Hour

**Wednesday, December 18, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +E. Paul Hoover Family

**Thursday, December 19, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. +Anthony Vescovi Family

**Friday, December 20, Advent Weekday**

8:15 a.m. +Fred and Judith Owens

**Saturday, December 21, Advent Weekday**

4:00 p.m. +Fred Miller, anniversary

**Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. +Felix and Eleanor Cymbor  
10:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

## Families and the Gospel

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

## Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Avalyn Grace, daughter of Brad and Emily (Cymbor) Krug.

We extend our love and best wishes to Avalyn Grace and her parents.



## Our Deepest Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mark Semelsberger, brother of our Parishioner Brenda Wentz; and the soul of James Karheim, father of our Parishioner Dan.

May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you, and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

## For Vocations

We pray that the young people of our Parish might be enlightened by the coming of Christ and seek to share that light with others.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Altar

### Servers

**Monday, December 16**

8:00 a.m. Avery Lamason Lauren Dvorchak

**Tuesday, December 17**

8:00 a.m. Anya Lallemand Luke Lamb

**Wednesday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. Eric Farabaugh Abigail Farabaugh

**Thursday, December 19**

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Witham Matthew Behe

**Friday, December 20**

8:15 a.m. Emma Farabaugh Olivia Farabaugh  
Emily Cunningham

**Saturday, December 21**

4:00 p.m. B. Bensor J. Phillips  
N. Phillips

**Sunday, December 22**

8:00 a.m. S. Cunningham E. R. Cunningham  
E. M. Cunningham  
10:00 a.m. L. Wholaver J. Brady  
V. Bearer

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Daily 8:00 a.m.**

Monday, December 16 J. Farabaugh  
Tuesday, December 17 R. Cunningham  
Wednesday, December 18 R. Hoover  
Thursday, December 19 P. J. Stevens

**Saturday, December 21**

4:00 p.m. L. Farabaugh H. Farabaugh  
S. Gray J. Kline  
L. Stevens  
J. R. Schall

**Sunday, December 22**

8:00 a.m. R. Cunningham E. Stoltz  
P. Cunningham J. Schall  
G. Veneskey  
10:00 a.m. R. McGowan R. Springer  
D. Penrod D. Fox  
W. Frederick  
B. Fox

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

**Sunday, December '22**

10:00 a.m. M. Lee C. Bills

### Lectors

**Saturday, December 21**

4:00 p.m. C. L. Bills S. Cronan

**Sunday, December 22**

8:00 a.m. E. Vescovi E. Shoemaker  
10:00 a.m. R. Penrod F. Sutton

## Thanksgiving Special Results

Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Special Lottery ticket. With 93% of the tickets purchased, we were able to apply \$4,157.04 to our Church Improvement Fund. Winners were as follows: November 24, #287, \$500, winner from Ebensburg; November 25, #066, \$500, winner from St. Benedict; November 26, #705, \$500, winner from Ebensburg; November 27, #415, \$500, winner from Carrolltown; and November 28, #423, \$3,000, winner from Loretto.

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you for your continued support of Saint Benedict Church.



Flowers Adorning the Altar this weekend:  
In Loving Memory of Alfred and Mary Lieb  
And Blessings Received  
by the Lieb Family

This week the votive candle will burn in front of  
the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter:  
In Loving Memory of Joel & Kevin Kirsch  
by Cathy Kirsch



### Pastor's Reflection

Saint John the Baptist was sent into the world to prepare all of us for the coming of the Savior. In our modern times, the Lord is asking us to be the voice of the Lord's coming. We do this by the way that we live and deal with those around us.

Blessings,  
Father Jude

### PENANCE SERVICES



**Saint Bernard Church, Hastings**  
Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m.

**Prince of Peace Church, Northern Cambria**  
Monday, December 16, 4 p.m., Church; 7 p.m. Chapel

**Queen of Peace Church, Patton**  
Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m.

**Saint Nicholas Church, Nicktown**  
Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m.

**Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown**  
Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m.

### Third Sunday of Advent: Building

"Strengthen hands that are feeble, make firm knees that are weak. Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God..." (Isaiah 35:3-4a). Rebuilding Jerusalem would be a momentous task for the Israelites of the Hebrew Scriptures and so God would offer tremendous consolation and encouragement through the prophet Isaiah. Yahweh will return the redeemed exiles to Jerusalem, faith will be renewed and the community will be restored. God is the rock upon which the chosen people can rely for a firm foundation for the future.

The diocesan planning process is one of cooperation with God, as living stones, to build up the kingdom in our midst. We find God in Christ, the cornerstone, embraced and shared as individuals and as faith communities. Our participation in building the diocesan plan requires that we increase our knowledge base in terms of the truths of our Catholic faith and morals, learn the demographics of our local church, and explore our roots by coming to know the life and vision of Father Gallitzin. Equipped with these tools, and others, we will be well suited to actively participate in the diocesan planning process with the certainty that we are firmly grounded in Christ.

What better time to be strengthened by God in our lives of faith as we eagerly await the commemoration of the gift of the Word made flesh?

### Third Sunday of Advent – Joy

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. Saint Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything." (Phillippians 4:4-5). Called Gaudete from the Latin word meaning "rejoice," this Sunday's liturgy breaks from the somber mood of penance and reintroduces joy. We await the coming of the Lord with glad anticipation and try to be sensitive to the needs of others.

### Advent Giving Tree Reminder

The Advent Giving Tree gifts are to be returned to the tree no later than this Sunday, December 15. Gifts are to be wrapped and labeled with the tag. Many thanks for helping to brighten the Christmas holiday for those who are less fortunate. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness toward others.

### Christmas Flower Donations

Each Christmas many visitors and friends come to celebrate Mass and see the beautiful decorations at Saint Benedict's. This year will be no exception. To enhance the beauty of our Church, we are now accepting donations for the purchase of poinsettias. An envelope is in your collection packet for this purpose.

### Erecting the Christmas Trees & Decorating the Church

Next Sunday, December 22, we will be erecting and placing lights on our Parish's indoor Christmas trees, decorating the trees on the Altar, setting-up the Nativity scene and placing evergreens on the window sills, after the 10 a.m. Mass, rather than Saturday as stated on the December Calendar. Adults who are interested in assisting with this holiday endeavor are welcome to come.



### Scrip Tip

Use Scrip cards for your everyday purchases, not just for gifts. The School benefits each time you purchase a card.

Scrip is sold at every weekend Mass in the Annex, and scrip is sold every School day from 8 to 10 a.m., in the Church hall.

### Memorial Paver Sidewalk Project

Take this opportunity now to become a part of Carrolltown history. The Memorial Pavers can be engraved with your name, in memory of a loved one or purchased as a gift in tribute to a special occasion that will be remembered for a lifetime. The pavers will be placed in the sidewalk leading to the Peter Lemke Memorial Playground and surrounding walkways. To view graphics and order online, visit: <http://www.thatsmybrick.com/lemkeplayground>.



### Oplatky (Christmas Wafers)

"Oplatky" or Christmas wafers, are imprinted with a scene of the birth of Jesus. Everyone at the table then shares and eats the oplatky with honey. They remind the family of the unleavened bread of the Passover supper. Oplatky, a centuries old custom, is the word "oblatum" from the Latin "Holy Bread." This ritual is observed in many countries, and in many American homes. Oplatky will be available in the Parish Office. The cost is \$2 for four wafers.



## Prayer Chain

Prayer is an important part of our Catholic Faith. In an effort for our Parish Family to respond to the prayer requests of our members and friends, Parishioners have the opportunity to be part of a prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call the Parish Office at 344-6548.

Names will remain on the prayer chain for two weeks unless we hear otherwise from the one who requested the prayer. Our prayers have been requested for the following: Jacqueline Adams, Dan Anna, Don Bearer, Daniel Bechel, Dorothy Bechel, Martha Bender, George Bensor, Nancy Bensor, Dan Bilko, Joe and Mary Ciccotelli, Virginia Cunningham, Sylvia Dervanik, James Eckenrode, Father Francis Ehnat, O.S.B., James Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, Sharon Fees, Sarah Finn, Father Joe Fleming, Patrick Frederick, Pat Freeman, Betty Glass, Lova Golgosky, Charlotte Gwizdak, Rita Hannigan, Irene Haycisak, Louise Julick, Jeff Kelly, Jacqueline Kirsch, John LaMark, Sr., Paul Lieb, James J. Kline, Josephine Kuzar, Ann Link, Berniece Miller, Thelma Miller, Trevor Nihart, Gladys Paika, Rita Panaro, Judith Patterson, Rose Paronish, Steve Price, Wayne Quist, Midge Rajnish, Maddox Raptosh, Michelle Romagna, Marcus SanGregorio, Doris Scanlan, Leo Shank, Lucas Shank, Mark Sharbaugh, Velma Sharbaugh, (13) Special Intentions, Elizabeth Stevens, Ronald Stevens, Jane Sutton, Dean Weber, Carol Weakland, Denny Weakland, Elmer Weaver, Sr., Marie Weaver, Tim Wess, Dawn Yarko, Theresa Yeckley, and Laura Zalznock.

**Pray for the Hospitalized** — Please remember all of the sick in your prayers, especially our Parishioners: Maria Baldacchino, Margaret Kopera, and John LaMark.

## This Week in Our Parish

### SUNDAY

CCD Classes, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., for grades 7 thru 11;  
11 a.m. to 12 noon, for grades K thru 6, School.  
School Council meeting, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Boniface Wimmer Room.  
Advent Giving Tree Deadline.

**Penance Service, 2 p.m., Saint Bernard's, Hastings.**

### MONDAY

School Advent Penance Service, 1 p.m.

**Penance Service 4 p.m., Prince of Peace, Northern Cambria, & at Chapel, 7 p.m.**

Nut Tea Rings & Pierogies pick-up, 2 to 5 p.m., Church hall.

### TUESDAY

Eucharistic Adoration after 8 a.m. Mass.  
Holy Hour, 10:30 a.m., Church.  
Bingo, early birds, 6:30 p.m., regular games to follow, Church hall.

**Penance Service, 7 p.m., Queen of Peace, Patton.**

### WEDNESDAY

School Christmas Program, 7 p.m., Church, Social to follow, Church hall.

**Penance Service 7 p.m., St. Nicholas, Nicktown.**

### THURSDAY

Mass at St. Benedict Manor, 10:30 a.m.

**Penance Service, 7 p.m., St. Benedict, Carrolltown.**

Card party, 7 p.m., Church hall.

### FRIDAY

Children's Liturgy, 8:15 a.m., Church.

School early dismissal, 11:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY

Confessions, 2 p.m., Church.

### SUNDAY

No CCD classes, (Christmas/New Years break).

Parish breakfast, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

School breakfast with Santa, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Erections of trees, and decoration of Church, after 10 a.m. Mass.

## Church Support — December 8, 2013

Offertory	7,050.65
Church Improvements	1,741.00
Immaculate Conception	1,699.50
Retired Religious	708.50
Christmas Flowers	208.00
Christmas	79.00
Philippines Disaster Relief	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	46.00
Military Services	30.00
Tree-of-Life	25.00
School Support	15.00

## Bingo on Tuesday



Doors Open @ 5 p.m.; Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.  
Early Birds @ 6:30 p.m.; Regular Games to follow

- Admission \$15 — Includes 20 Regular Games
  - Kitty #1, \$500.0
  - Kitty #2, \$?
  - Jackpot - Straight line only
  - All Nighter - \$166+
  - \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
  - Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
  - Circle 7- 25 numbers for \$160
  - Full Card - 54 numbers \$600
  - Instant tickets
- The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.  
Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.



## Card Party for December 19

M/M Ken Lantzy, M/M M. Alfred Lantzy, Mrs. Germaine Lanzendorfer, Mrs. Rita Lauer, Ms. Nancy Lauer, Mr. Ron Lauer, Mr. Tom Lauer, M/M Paul J. Lauer, Mrs. Bernardine Lauer Ms. Margaret Lawrence, M/M Arthur Lechene, M/M Thomas Lechene, Ms. Megan Leyo, M/M Alfred Lieb, M/M John Lieb, Ms. Linda Lieb, Mr. Paul Lieb, M/M Matthew Ligda, Ms. Christine Long, and M/M Brian Lobick.

## From other parishes and organizations...

**Christmas Party** — The Sons of the American Legion are sponsoring a children's Christmas party this Sunday, December 15, at 12 noon, at the Carrolltown American Legion on the second floor. Santa Claus will be there with a gift and refreshments for the children. All are welcome!

**Chicken Dinners** — Queen of Angels Council of the Knights of Columbus, prepare dinners the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Queen of Peace Parish Hall in Patton. All dinners are "take-outs" and available for "drive-thru" service at the upper level of the hall. Dinners feature K of C marinated roasted half chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. The cost per dinner is \$8. Serving begins at 11 a.m. until sold out. No phone orders.

**Christmas Day Dinner** — here at Saint Benedict Church hall., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eat In or Take-Out. For information, call Theresa at 344-6340. Donations accepted to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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