



# MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Altar Rosary Society
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
2:00 p.m.	Anointing Mass
<b>Monday, December 5, Advent Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+ Rick Semelsberger
<b>Tuesday, December 6, Advent Weekday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+John and Anna Covell
<b>Wednesday, December 7, St. Ambrose</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Margaret Eckenrode, Anniversary
<b>Thursday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	+Denise Koegler, Anniversary
12:00 p.m.	+Art Deckard
7:00 p.m.	+Emil Vermeulin
<b>Friday, December 9, Advent Weekday</b>	
8:15 a.m.	+Gervase Weber, Anniversary
<b>Saturday, December 10, Advent Weekday</b>	
4:00 p.m.	+Mary Louise Fox
<b>Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Name Society
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal, 2016. (210) of our families have generously donated \$42,211 toward our Parish goal of \$48,450. We are short by \$6,239 to reach our goal. If you would like to give to this appeal and have not yet done so, you will find the envelopes on the tables at the exits of the Church. Anything over our goal will be sent back to the Parish.

## Baptized in Christ

With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Owen Thomas Warner, son of Derek and Kasey Warner, and Maverick James Beers, son of Bradley Beers and Christine Cantalope. We extend our love and best wishes to Owen Thomas, Maverick James and their parents.

## "Keep Christ in Christmas"

The Father Peter Lemke Council of The Knights of Columbus will be selling beautiful "Keep Christ in Christmas" religious Christmas cards in the Annex after all Masses this weekend and every weekend during the Advent Season. Help promote the true meaning of Christmas and support our parish Knights in all the good work they do for the parish and community by purchasing your Christmas cards through the Knights.

## The Immaculate Conception

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day of obligation for Catholics to participate at Mass. Throughout the centuries, the Church has given Mary many titles, among them Mother of God, Mother of the Church, the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Sorrows, and Blessed Mother. Today this feast day celebrates our Catholic belief that Mary was born without original sin, already full of grace.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Altar Servers

<b>Monday, December 5</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Luke Lamb	Gabe Yahner
<b>Tuesday, December 6</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Erin Behe	Logan Behe
<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Luke Behe	Blaine Farabaugh
<b>Thursday, December 8</b>		
8:15 a.m.	Dustin Farabaugh	Ethan Cunningham
12:00 p.m.	J. Gaul	C. Serafin
7:00 p.m.	E. Hayes	I. Eckenrode
<b>Friday, December 9</b>		
8:15 a.m.	Seth Cunningham	Sophia Hoover
	Emily Behe	
<b>Saturday, December 10</b>		
4:00 p.m.	L. Behe	L. Behe
	N. Witham	
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>		
8:00 a.m.	H. Farabaugh	O. Farabaugh
	E. Farabaugh	
10:00 a.m.	H. Henry	L. Wholaver
	D. Himmel	

### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Daily 8:00 a.m.</b>		
Monday, December 5	R. Cunningham	
Tuesday, December 6	J. Farabaugh	
Wednesday, December 7	R. Hoover	
<b>Thursday, December 8</b>		
8:15 a.m.	K. Lallemand	J. Farabaugh
	Br. Michael	
12:00 p.m.	R. Hoover	R. Cunningham
	P. Cunningham	
7:00 p.m.	L. Stephens	J. Kline
	B. Westrick	
<b>Saturday, December 10</b>		
4:00 p.m.	N. Mihalow	R. Witham
	S. Gray	P.J. Stevens
	L. Stephens	
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>		
8:00 a.m.	G. Yeckley	G. Shoemaker
	M.N. Schall	M. Drahnak
	P. Regan	
10:00 a.m.	C. Farabaugh	F. Sutton
	R. Springer	L. Bridgman
	R. McGowan	
	D. Fox	

### Lectors

<b>Thursday, December 8</b>		
8:15 a.m.	A. Gavaler	C.L. Bills
12:00 p.m.	M.C. Hoover	J. Link
7:00 p.m.	S. Gregory	B. Fox
<b>Saturday, December 10</b>		
4:00 p.m.	B.A. Bensor	J. Busch
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>		
8:00 a.m.	E. Shoemaker	Br. Michael
10:00 a.m.	B. Fox	P. Kelly



This week the votive candle will burn in front of of the statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter  
In Loving Memory of John and Anna Covel  
By Mike Covel

For Living and Deceased  
Members of Norman and Romayne  
Billier Family  
By Ken & Norma Farabaugh

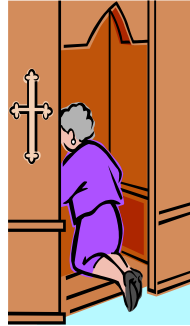


### Pastor's Reflection

Advent is a Penitential Season—a season of anticipation and preparation for the coming of the Lord. Saint John the Baptist is calling all of us to repent of our sins. We are all sinners, in need of God's infinite love and mercy. We pray that all Catholics take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the sacrament that offers peace of heart, mind and soul.

Advent Peace,  
Father Jude

### PENANCE SERVICES



Saint Bernard Church, Hastings  
Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Prince of Peace Church, Northern Cambria  
Monday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Queen of Peace Church, Patton  
Tuesday, December 13, 7 p.m.

Saint Nicholas Church, Nicktown  
Wednesday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown  
Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

### Liturgical Reflection

This Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics; all are expected to participate at Mass on this day. This feast celebrates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. Our country places itself under the protection of our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Please check the times for Mass as we pray for the United States of America through the intercession of our Immaculate Mother.

### Stewardship Reflection

A lifestyle of discipleship and stewardship—with God at the very center—is precisely what all baptized Believers are called to fulfill. May we recognize our dependence upon God by giving Him thanks in all our deeds.

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

### 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.

### 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.

### Advent Giving Tree Reminder

The Advent Giving Tree gifts are to be returned to the tree **no later than Sunday, December 11**. 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.

### Nut, Poppy Seed, & Apricot Rolls for Christmas

In preparation for the holidays, the Altar Rosary Society will be making delicious **Nut, Poppy Seed & Apricot rolls. The cost is \$8 per roll. Last day to order is on Wednesday, December 7. The rolls can be picked-up in the Church hall on Friday, December 16, 3 to 6 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nut \_\_\_\_\_; Poppy Seed \_\_\_\_\_; Apricot \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

**(Return this order form to the Parish Office by Wednesday December 7)**

### Thanksgiving Special Results

Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Special Lottery ticket. The profit made was \$4,790.00 to our Church Improvement Fund. Winners were as follows: November 20, #231, \$500, winner from St. Benedict; November 21, #621, \$500, winner from Carrolltown; November 22, #091, \$500, winner from Carrolltown; November 23, #259, \$500, winner from Brunswick, OH; November 24, #065, \$2000, winner from Carrolltown. Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you for your continued support of Saint Benedict Church.

### Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Moriconi Funeral Home, Inc., 948-8050**, for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin. Please patronize our advertisers; as they make the bulletin possible.



## 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 unless we hear otherwise from the one who requested the prayer.** Our prayers

have been requested for the following: Dorothy Bechel, Bernard Beck, Mary L. Bender, Betty Ann Bensor, Nancy Bensor, Msgr. Harold Biller, Briley Biter, Mary Bogus, James Campbell, David Ceschini, Joe and Mary Ciccotelli, Nixon Cicero, John Contorchik, Millie Cunningham, Clare Anne Dumm, Kevin Eckenrode, Rebecca Eckenrode, Holly Ertter, Jimmy Ertter, III, Clare Falconi, Lynn Farabaugh, Barbara Fasoli, William A. Fox, Agnes Gailey, Betty Glass, Fr. Gerald Gordon, Beth Ann Gormish, Shaw Graffius, Charlotte Gwizdak, Irene Haycisak, Barbara Henry, Clare Hoffman, Ranee Horn, Betty Lou Huber, Brynlee Jacoby, Gabriel Jarvie, Diane Jodon, Louise Julick, Bernadine Kelly, Jeff Kelly, Jim Kelly, Cynthia Kemper, Jimmy Kirsch, James J. Kline, John LaMark, James Livella, Catherine Lieb, Ann Link, Charles Lutak, Bill Lutz, Mary Jo Malloy, Evelyn Marks, John Martella, Pauline Maurer, Francis Mecurio, Paula Mitchell, Kieran Moore, Theresa Moore, Ann Morealli, Virginia Morealli, Ricky Myers, Karen Needham, Trevor Nihart, Helen Paige, Viola Panaro, Katie Pardon, Kathryn Passarella, Jacob Peterson, Judith Peterson, Patrick Polites, Steve Price, Charlene Quist, Wayne Quist, Frances Reed, Mike Reed, Tony Reed, Maddox Raptosh, Michelle Romagna, Ryan Shafer, Lucas Shank, William Shank, Mark Sharbaugh, Velma Sharbaugh, Sylvia Sherry, Deborah Smith, Gary Sowers, Special Intentions (29), Jodi Stevens, Ronald Stevens, Father Andre Strittmatter, Dorothy Strittmatter, Earl Strittmatter, Francis Veneskey, Edward Venslosky, Dean Weber, Dorothy Weaver, Denny Weakland, Dorothy Wentz, Carrie Westover, Jim Westrick, Joyce Westrick, Emmit Whited, Carol (Owens) Woodward, Richard Whited, Jackie Wright, Theresa Yeckley, and Laura

**Pray for the Hospitalized** — Please remember all of the sick in your prayers, especially Jimmy Kirsch, Mary Ann Kline, Mary Bogus, and Heather McNulty.

## This Week In Our Parish

### MONDAY

-Scrip sold in Church hall, 8 to 10 a.m.

### TUESDAY

-Scrip sold in Church hall, 8 to 10 a.m.  
-Eucharistic Adoration after 8 a.m. Mass. Holy Hour, 10:30 a.m.  
-Bingo, early birds, 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

-Scrip sold in Church hall, 8 to 10 a.m.  
-Orders due for Nut, Poppy seed and Apricot Rolls

### THURSDAY

-Scrip sold in Church hall 9-10 a.m.  
-Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses 8:15 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7 p.m.  
-Card Party 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

-Children's Liturgy, 8:15  
-Scrip sold in Church hall 9-10 a.m.

### SATURDAY

-Confessions, 2 p.m., Church

### SUNDAY

-Scrip sold in the Annex after all Masses  
-CCD Grades 7-11, 8:45 to 9:45a.m., Grades K-6, 11 a.m. to 12 Noon, at the school  
-Penance Service, St. Bernard, Hastings, 2 p.m.

## Church Support — November 20, 2016

Offertory	6224.00
Catholic Charities	1441.00
Church Improvements	35.00
Christmas	25.00
Tree of Life	15.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Christmas Flowers	7.00
Adopt a Student	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
All Souls Day	5.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	5.00

## Church Support — November 27, 2016

Offertory	5736.00
School Support	1004.00
Church Improvements	115.00
Catholic Charities	60.00
Christmas	25.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
All Souls Day	10.00
Immaculate Conception	1.00

## 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—\$52+
  - Jackpot - Straight line only
  - Instant tickets
  - \$50 end of the month drawing (Must be present to win)
  - Refreshments (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, homemade goodies)
  - Circle 7 – 23 numbers for \$140
  - Full Card – 51 numbers \$525
  - All Nighter - \$10+
- The more that play — the more we pay. Extras are available.

Regular games starting at \$30 a game and up.



## Card Party for December 8th

M/M Jim Westrick, M/M Martin Westrick, M/M Ned Westrick, M/M Regis Westrick, M/M Ted Westrick, M/M William Westrick, Mrs. Eric Witham, M/M Richard Yahner, M/M Bruce Yeckley, Mrs. Joan Yeckley, M/M Raymond Yeckley, Miss Shaylee Yeckley, M/M Stephen Yeckley, Mrs. Theresa Yeckley, M/M Gary Sowers, Mr. Tom Yeckley, Mrs. William Yeckley, Ms. Nancy Bishop

## From other parishes and organizations...

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** is very grateful for the food and cash donations, and the many volunteers who helped make the annual Thanksgiving dinner a success. May God bless you all!

**Parish Breakfast** "All You Can Eat" delicious buffet breakfast, served in the lower level of the Queen of Peace Parish Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., by the "Men of the Parish" on Sunday, December 4. Prices: Adults, \$8, Children 5-12, \$4, and Children under 5, free. The next breakfast will be in February.

**Christmas Bake Sale** at Queen of Peace Parish, Patton, Saturday, December 17, upper level of the Parish center. No pre-orders taken...featured items include cookie platters and trays, cream puffs, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, pumpkin rolls, nut, poppy seed, sweet cheese & fruit rolls, assorted breads, panettone bread, Yule logs, old English plum pudding, cheese balls, cranberry-walnut tarts, pecan tarts, St. Lucy wreaths, and more.