

DECEMBER 16TH, 2018.....THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT




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Regis
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***** OFFICE HOURS *****

- Mon.- Thur. ... 8:30am to 4:00pm
- Fri.8:30am to 12:00pm

- BAPTISM**...3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am Mass (Parents must attend Baptism Preparation). Call Karen at ext. #208
- RECONCILIATION**...Saturday(4:00pm) or call Fr. Dave
- MATRIMONY**...One year notice required

A Parish of the
Diocese of
Greensburg



OUR MISSION.....

We are the family of Saint Regis, a diverse faith-filled community of caring people. We commit ourselves to be Christ-like to one another, promoting active participation by all in building the parish faith community. Unified through Word and Worship, we answer the call to love and serve God. We resolve to share our faith through prayer, outreach and service.



@StRegisTraffordPA.




Exposition and Adoration
2ND WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH

Regional Mass at St. Barbara
Sunday at 6:00pm

Parish Schedule from Monday Dec. 17th. to Sunday Dec. 23rd.

Monday December 17.....	6:15pm _____ Rel. Ed./MYM
	7:00pm _____ Confessions @ Ascension, (Jnt.)
Tuesday, December 18.....	8:00am _____ Morning Prayer within Mass
	7:00pm _____ Confessions @ St. Regis Parish
Wednesday, December 19.....	4:00pm _____ Chimes practice
	6:30pm _____ Handbells practice
	6:30pm _____ Evan. Committee Mtg.
	7:00pm _____ Confessions @St. Barbara (H.C.)
Thursday, December 20.....	10:00am & 12:30pm _____ Trafford Food Bank
	7:00pm _____ Confessions @ MOS (Murrysville)
Saturday, December 22.....	_____ No Confessions _____
	5:00pm _____ Mass
Sunday, December 23.....	9:30am _____ Mass
	11:00am _____ Church Decorating for Christmas

Readings for the Week on Pg. 3



The St. Regis votive light is lit this week in prayer for
Tom Grabowski
from
Vicky Grabowski

MASSES INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
MON 12/17/18 8:00am	Virginia Drost (Allen & Gerry Churley)
TUE 12/18/18 8:00am	Special Intention of the Nigro Family (Nigro Family)
WED 12/19/18 8:00am	Angelo Fonzi (Nick & Pauline)
THUR 12/20/18 8:00am	Stephanie Bozzick (Ann Adamik)
FRI 12/21/18	No Mass
SAT 12/22/18 5:00pm	Patsy & Theresa Grande (Ed & Gloria Drost) Living & Deceased Members of St. Regis
SUN 12/23/18 9:30am	Anna B. Ferguson & Barbara Vanischek (Maria Ferguson) Richard Caruso (by Mother Rita Caruso)

Minister Schedule		
MINISTRY	SAT 12/22/18	SUN 12/23/18
ALTAR SERVERS	David McDade Marcus Mielke David Ondulich Luke Painter	Christian Adams Jalyn Adams Nicholas Gensamer Nathan Kravetz
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Judy Ference Marjorie Hoehn Pauline Kljucaric Karen Mercalde Shirley Ratkus Gene Scarberry Louise Scarberry <Unfilled> <Unfilled>	Mary Babeo Pat Beltram Barbara Benedetti Arlene Eathorne Mary Ann Hussey Bill Kepes Patrick Malley Mark Marston <Unfilled>
GREETERS	Debbie Comer Ann Endler	Karen McDade Joyce Miller
LECTORS	Romeo DeMarco	Stephanie Malley (1) Mary Jo Montgomery (2)

3rd Sunday of Advent – This weekend we hear the prophetic words of John the Baptist. They are words of judgement and yet we are told he announced “the Good News”. How can judgement be good news? Last Sunday John was introduced as one who preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He wants people to change but they are reluctant. They want to stay as they are, undisturbed. But John has been sent to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord Who will bring salvation. He warns them of the judgement to come and their consciences are touched. They ask him – “What must we do?”

In St Luke’s Gospel, especially, Jesus links salvation to what we do with our possessions. So many of His parables will warn of the danger of riches and the accumulation of possessions, whether it is the story of the rich man and Lazarus, or the farmer who hoards and does not share his harvest. Now John does not just tell his listeners that they must produce fruits-good works, John specifies what each group should do in practice. He demands change that is not just superficial but makes them uncomfortable, for they are called to share their possessions more justly. He tells them to share their food, and even their clothing, with those in need. John’s words arouse the people from their complacency and prepares them to receive the good news of salvation which Jesus would bring.

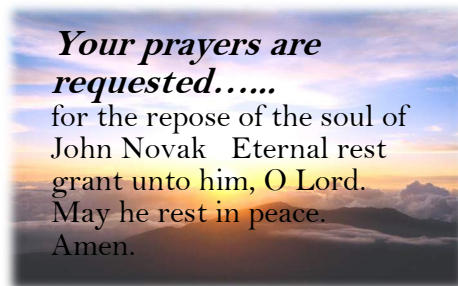
We may sometimes wish that God would leave us alone – get off our backs. But John the Baptist and the prophets tell us that this is the worst thing God could do. Left to ourselves we get lost following whatever desire we have for possessions, money, or just a comfortable and quiet life. Do we still hoard our possessions and close our hearts to those in need, although we have plenty? Do we benefit from, or at least approve of, the excessive charges and bonuses big businesses award themselves? And, as John the Baptist noted, there are many people in all kinds of powerful positions who do not mind corrupting themselves for the sake of getting more.

But we may also face the challenge of changing even though our lives may be happy and normal. We may be deaf to the call of God to serve in a more demanding way. John the Baptist still points to a deeper freedom beyond the enticement of comfort or possessions. His is a word of judgement which makes us ready to receive Christ. And it is a word of judgement that leads to the good news of salvation. And this is why we rejoice – because we know that beyond the pain and inconvenience of change we can rejoice in Christ’s presence as comes to us this Christmas. “Be happy,” St Paul says, “the Lord is very near.”

“Let us Pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace”

Readings for the week of December 17, 2018

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR
12/9/2018**

SUNDAY OFFERTORY + **6,468.50**

ON-LINE GIVINIG + **\$1,834.18**

TOTAL COLLECTION + **\$8,302.68**

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

CHILDREN’S + **\$13.00**

FOOD BANK + **\$138.07**

RELIGIOUS ED. + **\$470.63**

CHILDREN & FAMILY SVC. + **\$10.00**

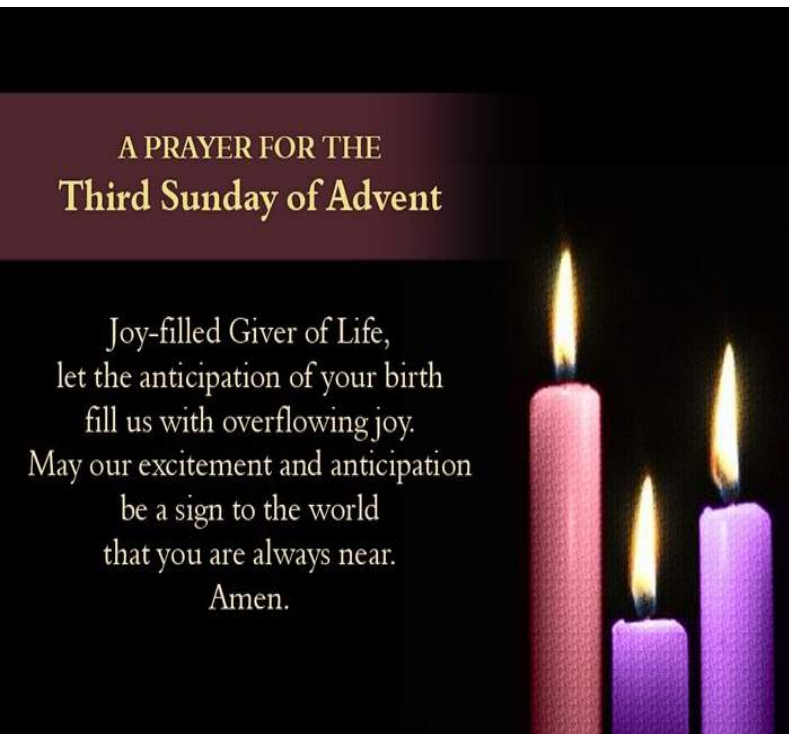
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS+ **\$480.00**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + **\$869.00**

CHRISTMAS + **\$180.00**

ACCENT + **\$5.00**

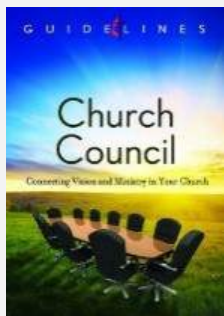
To Contribute on-line, please see our website.



DECORATE the Church

Sunday, December 23rd. after the 9:30am Mass until 4:00pm. Mark your calendar!

The St. Regis Pastoral Council will be selling the **St. Regis Cookbook** in which our parishioners have put their best and most tasty recipes. The Council members will be at both entrances of the Church for the next several weeks or until all the cookbooks are sold. The price is one book for \$7.00 or two books for \$10.00.



A "Pastoral Council" is a leadership body which discerns the Mission of the Parish and envisions ways in which Parish members are being called by God to carry out that Mission. The Parish Council helps to build up the Body of Christ...in our homes, in our parishes, in our communities and in our world.

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Please pray for the success of our Pastoral Council. May they make the Mission of Saint Regis Parish a reality. The Parish Mission Statement is printed on the front of every Bulletin.

St. Regis Pastoral Council Muff Hart, Bill Kepes, Ed Kifer, Darlene Mazak, Lorri Muhitch, Rich Rauso, Marilyn Rauso, John Wos.

There are five "500 Club" tickets available for anyone interested in joining!!

2018 Advent Regional Reconciliation

Services Schedule: All Services begin @ 7:00pm

Monday, December 17—Ascension, Jeanette

Tuesday, December 18 — St. Regis, Trafford

Wednesday, December 19 — St. Barbara, Harrison City

Thursday, December 20 — Mother of Sorrows, Murrysville



Saint Regis Parish would like to thank the following sponsors for the 2019 Parish Calendars: Dobrinick Funeral Home, Biondi Motor Company, Morocco, Morocco & Specht & Phillips Monuments Co. Inc.

Trafford Middle School is once again hosting their annual Senior Citizens breakfast for all senior citizens in the Trafford and Level Green area. It will take place on Friday, December 21st, 2018 starting at 9:30 A.M. in the school cafeteria. In addition to the usual delicious breakfast served by our students, we will have entertainment provided by the Middle School band and chorus. Bus pick-up for anyone needing transportation to the school will be provided at the following locations: Level Green Community Building at 9:10 A.M. and the Trafford Senior Hi-Rise at 9:20 A.M. If you have any further questions about this event you may call the school at 412-372-6600.

"The 500 Club"

The St. Agnes Feast Day Special tickets are now on sale in the office. Drawing date is January 21st (the Feast Day of St. Agnes) at 7:00pm (PA Lottery). \$15 donation to win **\$1500!** Five numbers on each ticket and only 200 tickets. Remember this is the first of four specials we will run this year to replace the calendar ticket. **A nice Christmas gift for someone or even a stocking stuffer!**

“Enjoy 2019” coupon books are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill through Dec. 29th. 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.

Makes a Great Stocking Stuffer!!!



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.



Please consider a gift this Christmas to the Children and Family Services Appeal, the second collection at all Christmas Masses Dec. 24 and 25.

PROVIDING HELP, CREATING HOPE.

1.866.409.6455

HUNGER AND POVERTY

Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg is accepting applications for the Full-time position of Parish Secretary. Qualifications: Proficiency with MS Office 365; ability to learn other software for parish database and fiscal management; ability to work in a team environment, excellent communication, prioritization and organizational skills. Submit resume to: Our Lady of Grace Church, 1011 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. ATTN: Business Manager. Deadline: December 31, 2018.



Comfort Our Troops Foundation...Wounded troops continue to arrive at Walter Reed Hospital at Bethesda. Jill (Capets) Hardek and volunteers provide these heroes with **welcome home packages** as well as parties and outings for the long term patients. Items needed are: *men’s or women’s t-shirts, white sport socks, white or gray sweatshirts and sweatpants (size L & XL), puzzle books, hand-held video games, playing cards, notepads, pens, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, chapstick, toothbrush, toothpaste, and phone cards.* **There is a box in the Gathering Space for donations.**



Christmas provides a unique opportunity to evangelize...even within our OWN families. Do you find yourself in heated or interesting discussions about politics and religion during the holidays? Help others Discover Christ by discovering wonderful things about our church. Here are some facts you can share around the dinner table:

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Greensburg answers nearly 20,000 calls for assistance each year. In 2016-2017, they delivered \$200,000 in aid to 66 families who lost their furnaces and water heaters during weather disasters. Additionally, they help 1,000 families pay their utility bills each year.

NOTE: The Evangelization Committee will have a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 19th. Please be advised that the time and location will be communicated to members via email as the Committee may be meeting at a local restaurant for a holiday dinner meeting

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.