

**DECEMBER 9TH, 2018.....SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Peace*



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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



**Saint Regis Parish**

*"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"*

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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.**

Parish Schedule from Monday Dec. 10th. to Sunday Dec. 16th.

*Exposition and Adoration*  
2nd Wednesday each month

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

Monday December 10.....	1:00pm	Sleeping Bags
	6:30pm	Women's Faith Sharing Group
Tuesday, December 11.....	8:00am	Morning Prayer within <b>Mass</b>
	7:30pm	Life of Joy
Wednesday, December 12.....	8:30am	Exposition & Adoration of the Lord
	4:00pm	Chimes practice
	6:30pm	Handbells practice
	6:30pm	SHYM Movie Night
Thursday, December 13.....	7:00pm	Confession @ St. Johns, Delmont
Saturday, December 15.....		No Confessions
	5:00pm	<b>Mass</b>
Sunday, December 16.....	9:30am	<b>Mass</b> w/CLW w/Baptism
	11:00am	SHYM



The St. Regis votive light is lit this week in prayer for  
**Justin, Angel, Tammy & Tony Morante**  
from  
Grandparents Ken & Eva

Masses Intentions this week	
<b>MON</b> 12/10/18 8:00am	<b>David Endler</b> (Ann)
<b>TUE</b> 12/11/18 8:00am	<b>Penn-Trafford Community</b> (Marcia & Larry Irr)
<b>WED</b> 12/12/18 8:00am	<b>Stacey Gunia</b> (Nick & Pauline)
<b>THUR</b> 12/13/18 8:00am	<b>Helen Kociela</b> (Pat Beltram)
<b>FRI</b> 12/14/18	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>SAT</b> 12/15/18 5:00pm	<b>Virginia Drost</b> (Mike & Charlotte Steich)
<b>SUN</b> 12/16/18 9:30am	<b>Tom Grabowski</b> (Vicky Garbowski)  <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. Regis</b>

Minister Schedule		
MINISTRY	SAT 12/15/18	SUN 12/16/18
ALTAR SERVERS	Zach Conley David McDade Paul Ragan Jacob Zigarovich	Anne Dlugos Nate Dlugos Nicky Dlugos Zachary Dlugos
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Christina Casper Marjorie Hoehn Darlene Mazak Nancy Morgan Gene Scarberry Louise Scarberry Charlotte Steich Mike Ziemski Paula Ziemski	Maribeth Colbaugh Michael Colbaugh Julia Dlugos Arlene Eathorne Kathy Gisi Cookie Lutz Patrick McDermott Bruno Mediate Carol Richardson
GREETERS	Jim Cortazzo Norma Jean Sudina	Jackie Biskup Annette Costlow
LECTORS	Ron Rometo	Rod Gisi (1) Mary Ellen Labik (2)

**Readings for the week of December 9, 2018**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent** – Seventy seven years ago on a quiet Sunday morning – December 7, 1941 – people would begin their trips to Church after which they would return home for breakfast. Unlike today, very few people would be going to work, and there would be no Christmas shopping on this Second Sunday in Advent because stores did not open on Sundays 77 years ago. There was no television to watch as television had not yet been invented, so families went on outings and enjoyed each other's company. It promised to be a good and peaceful Advent Sunday in Hawaii.

We did not know about it right away. CNN was not there nor were television crews. There were no satellites. Radio was the best there was. Word spread quickly anyway. The Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. As each person heard and grasped the significance of the news, dread set in. The world as people knew it had ended. There would be war and nothing would be the same again.

How did our nation pull together? How did we marshal the resolve to go to war? The country's fear and anger helped, but they were only the start. What held the nation together was a shared vision of who we were and what America was. While not perfect, the vision allowed differences of race, sexism and religion to be set, at least partly, aside. It is good to remember what was, what changed, and what came to be.

This Second Sunday of Advent – then and today – calls us to look at another vision, a vision born in Bethlehem centuries ago. It is the only vision that has never been changed by war or any other human event, but while remaining unchanged, the vision can be forgotten.

The early Christians at Philippi had established a flourishing Christian community, But, as time progressed, the community was beginning to experience some troubling moments. As in other places, the Christians were not well received. Because of the stress, internal divisions sprang up. Paul knew that only in unity would they survive. In the selection that we have for this Sunday, Paul was hoping to remind the Christian community of Philippi of how successful it had already been living the Christian life. He urged them to keep their focus on the vision of what lay ahead.

The celebration of Advent is part of the Church's method to help us keep our focus on what lays ahead for us. Every Advent offers a chance to re-examine what Jesus' birth means to us. But Advent is about more than just Christmas – it is about the "day of Christ" of which Paul writes. The "day of Christ" is not Christmas Day. It is a day yet to come.

Christmas is only the beginning. The focus of our lives is the day that Jesus will return in glory. Do we keep our Spiritual Focus on that day? Like the Season of Lent, have we allowed this Season of Advent, thus far, to transform us more into what we were created to be? Or – have we allowed ourselves to get so pre-occupied with Christmas preparations (which are very important) to draw us away from the true meaning of the Season? Are we focused on setting up a real family celebration around the altar, or are we more concerned about Christmas parties? Do we feel growing excitement, or are getting stressed because the shopping isn't getting done?

St Luke, in today's Gospel selection, shares with us the words of Isaiah the prophet (referring to John the Baptist): *"A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.'"*

The Romans were fantastic civil engineers. They built incredible cities and roads to get to those cities. Like our roads today, they also needed upkeep and repair. Often it took an important event to get the finances and manpower together to make repairs. One such event was the coming of the Emperor, to prepare the road, the king is coming, make straight the path.

John the Baptist is the messenger who tells you and me to "make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path." Advent is our time to work on our road to our future – "the day of Christ."

The people at Pearl Harbor had no idea about what was coming. Almost no one had an inkling of what would happen on the morning of December 7, 1941. But, we know what is coming. We know what is happening. We know that only in unity is there survival. We know that only in the vision will we enjoy a future with Christ.

Weekly Offertory for  
12/2/2018

Sunday Offertory + \$9,058.00

On-line Givinig + \$1,543.64

Total Collection + \$10,601.64

Additional Donations:

CHILDREN'S + \$25.50

Food Bank + \$530.87

Religious ed. + \$35.87

Chil dren & Famil y Svc. + \$45.00

Maintenance + \$3.78

Poverty Rel ief + \$50.00

Thanksgiving + \$81.00

Christmas fl owers+ \$806.00

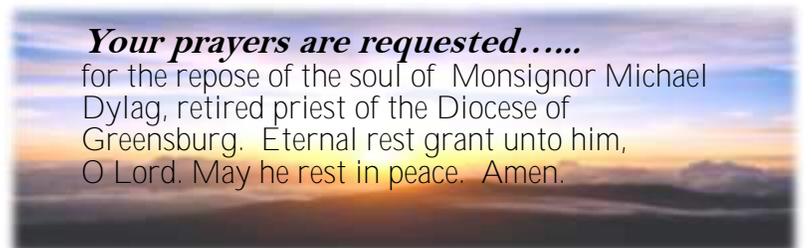
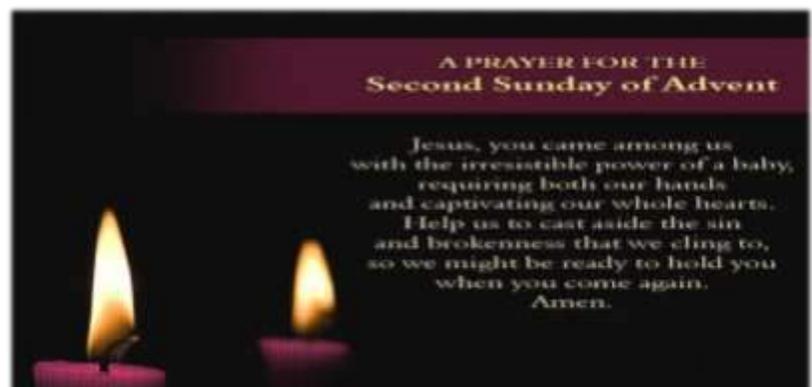
Immacul ate Conception + \$40.00

Christmas + \$135.00

All Saints + \$5.00

**To Contribute on-line, please see our website.**

**"Let us Pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace"**



# Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...is this Wednesday, December 12th,

8:30am till noon. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his. "He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God." Pope Paul VI

If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in Humility. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom we cannot see"



**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION:** This Wednesday, the large Consecrated Host, always kept in the tabernacle, is placed in a special container, called a *Monstrance* and exhibited for all to see and adore after the 8AM Morning Mass until Noon. Out of respect, someone always needs to be present when Jesus is exposed for Adoration. **WE NEED SOMEONE TO SIT AND PRAY WITH OUR LORD.** There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space, for those who can commit to spending some time in adoration and thanksgiving to Jesus.

## 2018 Advent Regional Reconciliation

Services Schedule: All Services begin @ 7:00pm

Thursday, December 13—St. John, Delmont

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

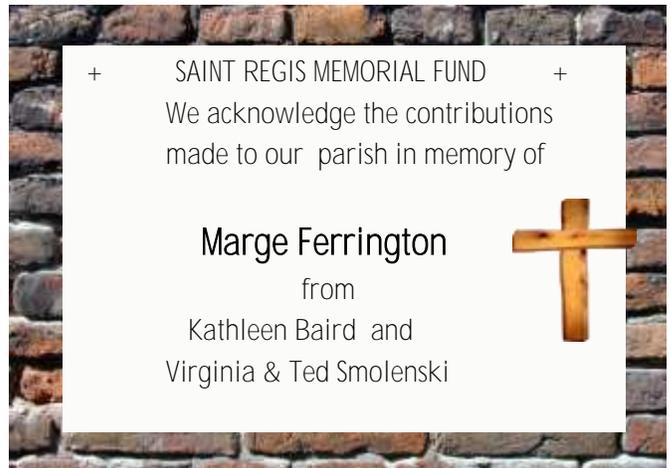


Congratulations to all the children who recently received their First Reconciliation. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion in May.

The Women's Faith Sharing Group will meet this Monday, December 10 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Our topic will be Intercessory Prayer. All women age 18 or older are invited to participate.



Pass on The Good News! What good news? The good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith! You can help the children and youth of our Parish grow in their faith by becoming an aide or substitute catechist for Faith Formation. Faith Formation classes are held twice a month from September through April on Mondays from 6:15pm to 7:45pm. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well. Please consider and pray about this opportunity. If you would like more information, please contact Karen in the Office of Faith Formation at 412-372-4577 x 208 or [kmcdade@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:kmcdade@dioceseofgreensburg.org).



### "The 500 Club"

The November 24th. drawing number was "131" and the winner was **Al & Yolanda DiBucci.** Congratulations!!

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

### "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!**

The Adult Advent Giving Tree will be in the main gathering space beginning November 22nd through December 9th. Please help those in need at the Trafford/Level Green



Food Bank, The Blackburn Center, Family Links, The Intersection and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality by taking a tag from the tree. The tag will include instructions regarding wrapping. Please return the items with the tag to Gillen Hall **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th at 11 a.m.** It is important not to miss this deadline. **Thank you** for your continued generosity.

The Level Green Lions Club is again selling **KOEZE** nuts for Christmas. **Colossal Cashews, Classic Mixed, and Mixed with Macadamias.** Order by **Dec. 10, with delivery by Dec. 14th.** Call Ron at **724-309-2000** for a **discounted price list and catalog.**



"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 Christmas Gift!!**



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.



### Church Decorating

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

Mark your calendar!

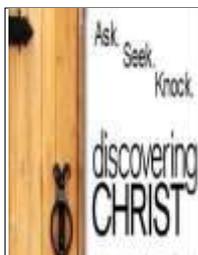


**Comfort Our Troops Foundation...** Wounded troops continue to arrive at Walter Reed Hospital at Bethesda. Jill (Capets) Hardek and volunteers provide these heroes with **welcome home packages** as well as parties and outings for the long term patients. Items needed are: *men's or women's t-shirts, 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.**

**Coaches, players sought for CYO boys' high school basketball league...** The diocese is looking for coaches and players for a CYO high school boys' basketball league. The league is open to Diocese of Greensburg parishioners in grades 9-12 who meet eligibility requirements. The season will run from January through the CYO state tournament in March. Games will be played Thursday and Saturday evenings at the Queen of Angels Catholic School gym in North Huntingdon. Contact Jeff Wilkins for details at [wilkinsjii@windstream.net](mailto:wilkinsjii@windstream.net). All coaches must comply with diocesan clearance policies.

*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.*



Christmas is a time for giving. At St. Regis, we give our time, talent and treasure. Consider using your gifts to evangelize during the season of Advent by:

- Taking the **TIME** to share the good news of Jesus Christ with someone who may not know the Lord
- Using your **TALENTS** to illustrate what a good Catholic Christian looks like
- Sharing your **TREASURE** with those that are less fortunate