

December 14, 2025 –Third Sunday of Advent

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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. 15        7:45 AM    SJ   - Margaret McCormick	
Tuesday, Dec. 16      7:45 AM    MHT –Anastasia Dempsey requested by Alice Nale	
Wednesday, Dec. 17   7:45 AM    IC –    Stephanie & Shawn Flynn	
Thursday, Dec. 18     7:45 AM    SB -    Jeanie Schall, requested by husband, Regis	

3-8 PM SJ Exposition & Adoration – St. John’s

Friday, Dec. 19	No Mass	
<b>Saturday, Dec. 20</b>	<b>4:00PM    MHT- Parishioners of MHT &amp; SB</b>	
	<b>4:00PM    IC -    Gary Schrift &amp; For the Parish</b>	
	<b>5:30PM    SB -    Margie Lackot, requested by Pat Petrunak</b>	
	<b>5:30PM    SJ -    Bonita Long &amp; For the Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 21</b>	<b>7:00AM    IC -    Richard T. Wess</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
	<b>8:30AM    SJ -    Shut-ins of Our Parish</b>	
	<b>9:00AM    SB -    Ruth Seabolt requested by Rose James</b>	
	<b>10:30AM   MHT –Rosmus/Nelen family</b>	

Sanctuary Candles	St. Bart	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Dec. 14-20	Joan Eager	Jim Endler	Maria Felix	Stephanie & Shawn Flynn

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

Dec. 20/21	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC -        4:00 PM	Mary Sue Long	Mary Sue Long	
MHT-     4:00 PM	Larry Celmer	G Mehall	
St. J -     5:30PM	Scott Curtis	Carol Curtis	
St. B -     5:30PM	M Branas	M Branas	
IC –        7:00AM	Erin Kirby	Chuck/Heather Weinzierl	
St. J –     8:30 AM	Jared Cronauer	Carissa Penatzer	
St. B       9:00 AM	K Miller	K Miller	
MHT –    10:30 AM	E Richardson	J Gruss	C Wechtenhiser
M/B Count- Dec. 15	R Gramling, D Fox	StB-Dec. Church cleaning	Judy Fleege/Dianne Fox

**Offertory Collections**

Dec. 7	Reg	Flow.	Roof	Spec.	Votive	Christm	Diocese	Cem.	Build	Total
MHT	\$1852	\$475		\$274	\$335	\$150	\$ 30	\$47	\$55	\$3218
St. B	\$3558	\$825	\$200	\$543	\$232	\$220	\$45	\$85	\$20	\$5813
IC	\$3753			\$75			\$250		\$1535	\$5613
SJ	\$3426			\$75			\$300		\$730	\$4531

**DEC. PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SICK:** Kristian Sheeley, Peter Gerko, Frank C Primel, Jr, Mary Ann Weinzierl, Lou Brown, John Trusik, John, Susan & Mary Jo, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Francis Gerard, Marlene Rummel, Debbie Smay/Moyer, Bruce Yeckley, Roseann Subich, Mary Domidica, Ashley Smock, Eddie Werfel, Trinity, Rose, Adam, Sandy Georg, Seth Georg, Mary Giallonardo, George Fetsko, Leroy Smith, Maria Felix, Mary Ann Penatzer, Karen Y, shut-ins, special intentions.  
**Please turn in names for Prayer Intentions for the New Year:** We will start with a fresh list in January.

**MASS CANCELLATIONS:** If Forest Hills cancels or delays school because of road conditions, morning Mass is cancelled.  
**THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Christmas Eve – St.B at 4 PM; IC at 5 PM; MHT at 6 PM; SJ at 7 PM. Midnight Mass at IC; Christmas Day – SJ and StB. at 8 AM and IC and MHT at 10 AM. Volunteers are needed for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. If you can help, please call Betty and Pam at the offices ASAP. Thank you. StB/MHT/IC will have the Children’s Christmas Pageants at the Christmas Eve Masses. Children are asked to volunteer to participate.

**IC & SJ WEBSITE:** Today, with the rise of Communion in the hand, standing reception, and a general loss of the sense of mystery, the communion rail seems like a relic from another era...but what if its return were, in fact, urgent? Learn how the communion rail can be a spiritual necessity @ [stjic.org](http://stjic.org).

**(B) 2026 CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE:** Volunteers are needed. Call or email the office if you wish to join this ministry.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:** A new association has been formed to oversee the operations and finances of the cemetery at St. Bartholomew Parish. Please direct all payments, donations, paperwork, lot purchases, questions, and concerns to the organization. The members are Dennis Minor, Chairman; Linda Squillario, Treasurer; Joe Fox, Recording Secretary; Brenda Fox, Records; Andy Hutsky, Grounds; Doug Minor and Mark Petryshak, Maintenance. For general inquiries contact Joe, 814-999-3208; for lot purchases, Linda 814-241-2290; for records, Brenda 814-736-8713. The mailing address is St. Bartholomew Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 111, Wilmore, PA 15962.

**SJ/IC CCD CLASSES:** are scheduled for December 21; January 11 & 15; February 8 & 22.

**MHT CHOIR PRACTICE:** Monday, Dec. 15 at 4:30PM.

**(B) LOTTERY CALENDAR TICKETS:** Please turn in **all** money and tickets now.

**SB ROOF FUNDRAISER:** Place donations in envelope marked "Roof Fund" and mail to office or drop in the collection.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW CEMETERY FUND RAISER:** a 72"x60" quilt and a set of Decorative Rosary's. Chances are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets will be available after mass until Dec. 21. The winning tickets will be pulled at the Children's Christmas Party on Sun, Dec 21. Anyone wishing to help sell chances contact Joe Fox at 814-999-3208.

**(B)PIEROGIES:** \$6/doz Call Ann 495-9298 or Margie 495-7020 to order

**MHT HOLIDAY TICKET SALE:** Return money and stubs by today. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**MHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** is today, **Dec. 14**. Soups, sandwiches, baked goods, basket raffle, afghan chances, 50/50, games, and a visit from Santa and his Elves. Sponsored by our CCD. \$5/25tickets.

**2026 CHURCH CALENDARS** are in the gathering space of all 4 Churches. Please take one to a family. Thanks again to Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home, Inc., Joseph J. Golden, Supervisor, for providing us with the calendars.

**OPLATKI:** Christmas wafers are in the vestibule at MHT/ St. B for a donation of \$3/packet.

**IC/SJ YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS** Party & Service Project at St. John's: December 14 starting at 9:30 AM (After Mass at SJ). Join us in the Christmas Spirit of Giving! We will bake cookies to give to some of our older parishioners. Enjoy hot chocolate, donuts, and much needed laughter and socializing. We will also be making Christmas houses out of old Christmas cards as goodies boxes. At the same time, we will be helping to carry Christmas decorations out of storage to prepare the Church for the Christmas season. Questions call Rhonda Smith 814-254-9939 or Wirfelsmith@verizon.net

**IC: Music for Midnight Mass** – All singers are welcome to join a practice at IC this Wed., Dec. 17 at 7 PM.

**IC** – anyone interested in being an **Eucharistic Minister at IC**, please call Mary Sue Long at 814-495-9426 ASAP.

**SJ CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** Today, **Sunday, Dec. 14** after the 8:30 AM Mass. Help is greatly appreciated.

**MHT CHURCH DECORATING:** Next Sunday, Dec. 21 after the 10:30 Mass. All are invited to help.

**IC ROSARY ALTAR SOC.** Christmas party today, Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1 PM.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Sunday, December 21 at 2pm, with visit with Santa.

**IC JEWELRY RAFFLE:** Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, at New Germany Grove Hall. Tickets are available to buy or sell, please contact Becky 724-357-8384 or Janet Krug 814-254-9997 or Pam at the parish office 814-495-5241. Tickets will cost \$30 a person which includes admission, meal, dessert and drinks. Doors open at 5 PM and first drawing is 6 PM.

**IC PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:** It's suggested we expand the prayer chain to non-Altar Rosary Members – men, women young & not-so young! This does not replace the bulletin "Monthly Prayer Intentions for the Sick" but supports requests for prayers that come up intermittently. Creating a cell phone "text" group to simultaneously communicate requests to group members will also expedite requests & reduce breakdowns where "calls" have not reached everyone. If you do not "text", you can still be on the "phone call" chain that's currently being updated. To join use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule, at the A&R Christmas party or by contacting Margie Wilson 814-955-2529 with your name & cell # for "text" or your name, phone # and if you are willing to receive & record voice messages if the next person is unavailable to answer your "phone call".

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for **Comedy Night** at the New Germany Grove Hall on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Sponsored by SJ Church. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Call Pam 814-495-5241 if you can help in any way.

**REST IN PEACE:** Jerri Phillips was buried from St. Bartholomew Church last week.

**FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT:** St. Bartholomew Hall on Dec 14 at 7PM. A free will donation accepted.

**COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB** Monday, Dec. 29 at 3:30 PM, Marian Hall on the book "*Five Days at Memorial*" by Sheri Fink.

**HOLY NAME CHURCH ADVENT SERVICE:** A special evening of prayer, story, and song on Sun, Dec. 14, includes; preludes by the Holy Name Bell Choir at 5:45 PM, followed by the cantata "The Ballad of Bethlehem" performed by the combined Men's and Women's Choirs. Light refreshments will be served in the Narthex following the service.

**POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS (Koledy):** Sunday, Jan. 4 at 2PM at All Saints in Boswell. Singing of hymns, benediction, and refreshments. Whether you are Polish or not, come. For more information call 814-629-5551

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL:** Our Lady of the Alleghenies Hall, Lilly, on Sat, Dec. 27, 5:30-10pm \$25 single ticket/\$45 couples. B.Y.O.B. & Must be 21 to attend. Dinner at 6pm, live band- Hot Wax at 7pm. Contact Anna Leahey at 814-935-4501

**PROCLAIM!** TV Christmas special **Joy to the World: Christmas in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown** will air on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6 PM on WWCP Fox 8. The one-hour show will highlight the spirit of Christmas throughout the diocese and include beautiful music from parish and Catholic school choirs, as well as the *Proclaim!* Priests' choir. The *Proclaim!* TV Christmas Mass will air live from St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 4 PM on WATM ABC 23 with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist.

**JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** The official closing Mass for Jubilee will be celebrated at all cathedrals worldwide on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, on the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at the 11 AM televised Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Also, 10 AM Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. All the faithful are encouraged to attend. Please bring an offering of a non-perishable food item, paper or cleaning products for those in need.