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DECEMBER 19, 2021



Blessed

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue -

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Christmas

2021

Schedule

Christmas Eucharist:

Friday, December 24th Vigil

4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25

12 Midnight, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Livestreaming at 9:00 p.m., MIDNIGHT and 11:00 a.m.
available at:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph of Nazareth Eucharist

Sunday, December 26th:

at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Mary Mother of God Eucharist

Friday, December 31st: 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st: 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 2nd: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

And 5:30 p.m.



COVID-19 Protocol Reminders for Christmas 2021

- The Diocese of Scranton **strongly recommends** that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.
- Anyone who is sick should stay home and participate in the celebration of Mass through Catholic Television or a parish livestream Mass. In addition, anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, or muscle pain) should not attend Mass in-person.

Christmas Church Decorating Today

WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Today, We will need lots of help after the 11:00 am mass putting up all the trees, hanging the wreaths and the garland, assembling the manger, moving things around, etc. -- Please lend us a hand if you are able. It will take a lot of work to get our church ready for the big day so come along and join the fun. This is a good opportunity for our Confirmation students to get service hours.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

-Sunday, **December 19th 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm** prior to the 5:30 pm Sunday Eucharist.

-Monday, **December 20th following the 8:00 am** Eucharist until all are heard.

-Thursday, **December 23rd, 5:30 pm** until all are heard.

Oplatki Available

While supplies last, the *Oplatki*, Christmas Wafers, will be available in church *on the weekends of Advent* or by calling the rectory. The wafers will be on the tables near the entrance and we ask a donation for each package of \$5.00. It will be done on the honor system so bring the correct amount for the basket next to the *Oplatki*.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S

Christmas Eve

4pm: GYM: Lector: Jon Meyer EMs: Patti & Doug Workman/Michael Fender A/S: Brandon Longfoot

4pm: CHURCH: Lector: Cameron Gill EMs: Joe & Terri Burgess/Bob Slezak/ Ann Marie Aed/John Bankus A/S: Colleen Ryan

6pm: Lector: Erin Gallagher EM: Sharon & Mark Nenichka A/S: Johnny Fredericks

9pm: Lector: Ted Sherrill EM: Al Kircher/Laura Prushinski A/S: Anthony Favata

Christmas Day

12midnight: Lector: John Bankus

EM: Betsy Evanoski

9am: Lector: Ed Kudey

EM: Anna Mae Venetz/Betsy Evanoski

11am: Lector: Jeanne Mulcahy

EM: Donna Gustave/JoAnn Prushinski

A/S: Noah St. Clair

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th

9am: Lector: Jane Evelock

EM: Frank Fosko/Anna Mae Venetz

A/S: Cole McKenzie

11am: Lector: Betsy Evanoski

EM: Bob Slezak/Donna Gustave

A/S: Noah St. Clair/Anthony Favata

5:30pm Lector: John Bankus

EM: Sue Bayer

A/S: Brandon Longfoot

Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve

4pm: Dottie Powers

EM: Jim Powers

A/S: Johnny Fredericks

Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day

10am: Lector: Bob Artim

EM; Michael Fender

Saturday, January 1st, Vigil Mass

5:30pm: Lector: Ann Marie Aed

EM: Mark & Sharon Nenichka

A/S: Colleen Ryan

Sunday, January 2nd

7am: Lector: Ed Kudey

EM: Betsy Evanoski

9am: Lector: Ted Sherrill

EM: Frank Fosko

A/S: Cole McKenzie

11am: Lector: Bob Artim

EM: Bob Slezak/JoAnn Prushinski

A/S: Noah St. Clair/Anthony Favata

5:30pm: Lector: Jon Meyer

EM: John Bankus

A/S: Johnny Fredericks

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday—Closed

Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered through the department of Religious Education or Catholic Schools. Contact the office for more information.

FOOD REQUEST UPDATES: The Social Concerns Committee is requesting the following items for the **Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne:** Strawberry jelly, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned pasta, crackers, boxes of cereal. Drop off box is located in the vestibule. Thank you.

You make the difference! We appreciate your continuing support for the mission and ministry of our parish! Thank You! You are making a difference in our outreach to help cover our day-to-day expenses. An Online giving option is available at www.setonpa.com

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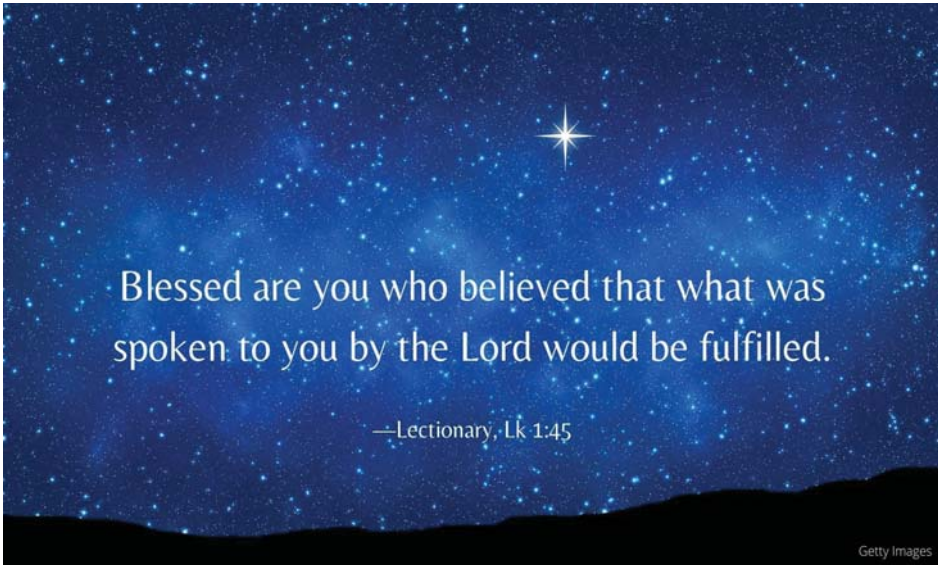
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Eucharistic Adoration

This Thursday From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm stop in at anytime for any length of time for some quiet time before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. The 2 hours will be **completely SILENT**. No Benediction. The Adoration will just conclude at 8:00 pm without ceremony. All are Welcome.

A night sky with a star and a quote. The background is a dark blue sky filled with many small, bright stars. A single, larger star with a four-pointed diffraction pattern is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The text is centered in the lower half of the image.

Blessed are you who believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

—Lectionary, Lk 1:45

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For more information, please contact Jim Bebla,
Diocesan Secretary of Development at
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OFFICE CLOSED

Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Friday, December 24th, and Monday, December 27th, in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers are updating their records and need to know who is still a member, their full name, address, phone number, and if you are 90 years or older, or homebound. We have the number of those in nursing homes. Please drop a note in the basket to the Attention of Sue Bayer, or call Sue at 570-763-5680. See you in February. New members are always welcome.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Finance Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6th, at 7pm in our church hall.



Today's Music

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

- Gath: 133 S Mary, Woman of the Promise
- Prep: 139 G Stainless the Maiden
- Com: **653 G There is a Longing**
- Send: 9 S O Come O Come Emmanuel

5:30pm Sunday

- Gath: 8 S Come Come Emmanuel
- Prep: 3 S Beyond the Moon and Stars
- Com: 143 S Holy Is His Name
- Send: 653 G There Is A Longing

Subject to change

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GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED



Nativity Crèche

In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on Christmas Eve or at another time:

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



Remembering at Eucharist



Monday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Richard & Elaine Smith Joe & Terri Burgess

Tuesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Arthur Tommaselli Catherine Tomamaselli

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Gertrude Hardy Mayerski Family

Thursday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Ronald Shadie Domashinski Family

Friday, December 24 Christmas Vigil

4:00 p.m. Church Christmas Intention of Presider Fr. Grippe

4:00 p.m. Gym Christmas Intention of Presider Fr. Joe

6:00 p.m. Christmas Intention of Presider Fr. Joe

9:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS Intention of Presider Fr. Joe

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

12 midnight Christmas Intention of the Presider Fr. Joe

9:00 a.m. Christmas Intention of the Presider Fr. Joe

11:00 a.m. Christmas Intention of the Presider Fr. Joe

Sunday, December 26 Solemnity of the Holy Family

No 7:00 a.m. Mass today

9:00 a.m. Peter Raymond Family

11:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

5:30 p.m. Christmas Intention of the Presider Fr. Joe

(Fr. Joe's Christmas Masses are for the Intentions notated on the Christmas Novena envelopes)



Special Intentions This Week

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

~~In Memory of **Lou Michaels** offered by Family

~~In Memory of **Frank & Anna Duzen** offered by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave

Baptism Sunday

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~**Jackson John Hughes**~~

Jackson will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass this weekend.

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