

THE FUTURE

# ARCHANGEL GABRIEL PARISH

CURRENTLY THE PARISHES OF HOLY TRINITY,  
SAINT JOHN OF GOD, AND SAINT MALACHY



## DECEMBER 22, 2019 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HOLY TRINITY

#### HOLY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM  
12:00 PM, 7:00 PM  
MON-FRI 6:30 PM

#### RECONCILIATION

MON-FRI 5:30-6:15 PM

### SAINT JOHN OF GOD SAINT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

#### HOLY MASS

SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 9:45 AM  
MON-FRI 9:30 AM

#### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30- 4:15 PM

### SAINT MALACHY

#### HOLY MASS

SATURDAY 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
MON-SAT 8:30 AM

#### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

# MASSSES THIS WEEK

## Saturday December 21, 2019 | The Feast Day of Saint Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Dec'd members of Caprino & Criscella Families by Karen & Anthony Criscella
4:00 PM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Esposito	For ✕ Joseph, Anna, and Joseph, Jr. Jasionowski by Irene Nickel
4:30 PM	Saint Mary	Fr. Ryan	For ✕ Antonetta Presutti by Family
5:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For ✕ Fr. Ken Keene by 5:00PM Holy Trinity Ushers

## Sunday December 22, 2019 | The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For ✕ Vincent Nuttall by Panera Bread Group
8:00 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Esposito	For the People of the Parish Grouping
9:45 AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Matt & Theresa Kuehn by Daughter, Mary Ann
10:00 AM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Morris	For ✕ George Hric, Sr. by Doris Hric and Family
11:00 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Maurer	For ✕ Elizabeth Slattery by Mel and Jackie Weinstein
12:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Morris	For ✕ Margaret Dickens by Bob and Barb Helwick
7:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Annette (Babski) Hrabik by Janet Babski

## Monday December 23, 2019 | The Feast Day of Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Poecking	For ✕ John and Vera Augustine by Darlene Augustine
9:30 AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Morris	For ✕ Dr. Neal and Anne Musmanno by Family
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Esposito	For ✕ Henry Zurawski by Wife, Anne and Family

## Tuesday December 24, 2019

8:30 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Nimwesiga	For Special Intentions by Anonymous
9:30 AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Esposito	For ✕ Deceased Members of Robert Hufnagel Family by Bobbie

## Tuesday December 24, 2019 | Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For The Children of the Parish
4:00 PM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Nimwesiga	For the Children of the World
4:30 PM	Saint John of God	Fr. Ryan	For the Parish Family
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For the Deceased of the Parish Grouping
6:30 PM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Morris	For the People of of the Parish Grouping
8:00 PM	Saint John of God	Fr. Esposito	For the Parish Family
10:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For the Benefactors of the Parish
10:00 PM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Morris	For Vocations

## Wednesday December 25, 2019 | Christmas December 25, 2019

12:00 AM	Saint John of God	Fr. Vallone	For the Parish Family
9:00 AM	Holy Trinity	Fr. McDonough	For the Parishoners of the Parish Grouping
9:00 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Morris	For the Benefactors of the Parish Grouping
9:45AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Esposito	For the Parish Family
11:00 AM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For those Serving in the Military
11:00 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Morris	For the People of the Parish Grouping

## Thursday December 26, 2019 | The Feast Day of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

8:30 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Morris	For ✕ Richard A. Evans by Ken and Sharon Dorman and Family
9:30 AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Poecking	For ✕ Marge McMahon by Family
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Eugene Zurawski by Anne Zurawski and Family

## Friday December 27, 2019 | The Feast Day of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Maurer	For ✕ Domenico Sciulli by Friends
9:30 AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Esposito	For ✕ Michael C. Sabol by Sabol Family
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For ✕ Frank S. Matyas by Betty Matyas

## Saturday December 28, 2019 | The Feast Day of the Holy Innocents

8:30 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Gary Mack by Jack and Betsy Kundrat
4:00 PM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Esposito	For ✕ Joseph, Anna, and Joseph, Jr. Jasionowski by Irene Nickel
4:30 PM	Saint Mary	Fr. Ryan	For ✕ Antonetta Presutti by Family
5:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Morris	For ✕ Deceased Members of Cypher Family by Bill and Joanne Cypher

## Sunday December 29, 2019 | The Feast Day of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 AM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Poecking	For ✕ Barbara R. Scheidhauer by Jack and Clara Harrington
8:00 AM	St. Malachy	Fr. Esposito	For ✕ Robert and Jean Butter by Family
9:45 AM	Saint Mary	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Thomas R. Rippole by Family
10:00 AM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Morris	For ✕ William J. Macek, Sr. by Greg, Rose, and Ally Cilio
11:00 AM	Saint Malachy	Fr. Maurer	For ✕ Helen J. Corsetti by Hilda and Don Obusek
12:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Morris	For ✕ Marlene Andrascik by Heather Andrascik and Tyler Merlina
7:00 PM	Holy Trinity	Fr. Nimwesiga	For ✕ Mrs. Sally Cason by Mary and Michael Henderson

# FROM THE PASTOR

By Father Dave Poecking



## Merry Christmas!

The past two years have challenged the Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, so we welcome Christmas as the Lord's promise: The Kingdom of God is coming, and the King is already among us. One way to see how the Lord leads us is by looking at where he's taken us this past year:

- January 1:** Fr. Ken Keene, the last resident pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, dies unexpectedly. Holy Trinity reverently hosts his funeral Mass on January 7.
- January 25:** Fr. Ignitius Nimwesiga arrives from the Archdiocese of Mbarara, Uganda.
- January 31:** Finance and pastoral councilors begin a formal study of parish consolidation.
- February 23:** Far too late in the school year but desperate to limit deficits, I announce the merger of Holy Trinity and St. Malachy schools into the new Archangel Gabriel School.
- March 8:** The Middle States accreditation panel praises Holy Trinity School for its excellence.
- March 14:** Bishop Zubik confirms youth of all three parishes at St. Malachy Church.
- April 18-20:** Our three parishes share the liturgies of the Easter Triduum.
- May 6:** Jacob Williamson arrives as director of engagement for our grouping. He now leads a team including Kristin Hayes (EDGE), Erin Stuvek (evangelization), Steve Swank (faith formation), and—coming soon—communications. Our first disciple-making processes begin in February 2020.
- June 21:** Comedian Jeremy McLellan gives us a lovely evening of comic relief and fellowship.
- July 1:** Seminarian Jacob Gruber arrives for a “pastoral year” internship among our three parishes.
- July 21:** The former St. Malachy picnic becomes a shared picnic among our three parishes.
- July 22-24:** The St. Gregory Institute showcases liturgical music at Holy Trinity and St. Mary Churches.
- August 1-3:** Volunteers from all three parishes help at the Holy Trinity/Archangel Gabriel School festival.
- August 26:** Archangel Gabriel School opens its doors as a shared mission of our three parishes.
- September 14:** Fr. Adrian Tibeziuka arrives from the Diocese of Geita, Tanzania.
- September 14-29:** Our grouping hosts six assemblies as the conclusion of a discernment process concerning the consolidation of our three parishes into one.
- September 23:** Dr. Vincent Rone begins as director of music for the grouping.
- October 7:** Fr. Sam Esposito begins as a priest for our grouping, replacing Frs. Bob Zajdel and Michael Ruffalo (who was transferred earlier in the year).
- November 20:** Ken Zern begins as director of operations for the grouping.
- November 29:** For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, parishioners of our grouping hopped on a bus to go to *Amen to Action*, praying together and packaging 1,000,000 meals for the needy.
- December 14:** Bishop Zubik announces our consolidation into the new Archangel Gabriel Parish.

From my perspective, it's been a year of dramatic and sometimes hasty change as we increasingly turn our personnel, funds, and properties toward our evangelization of the people in the territory assigned to the new Archangel Gabriel Parish.

- ✕ I'm collecting money for a large image of Archangel Gabriel at Holy Trinity Church, partly as a monument to Fr. Ken Keene. I still need over \$100,000. If you'd like to donate to this special effort, please mark a special envelope or contact the parish office.
- ✕ The next phase of pew replacement begins at Holy Trinity Church on December 30. If you want to retrieve one of the pews as they're removed from the church and discarded, please feel free to show up that morning. Bring your own loading crew and truck!

Thank you all for accompanying me on this turbulent year; let's move into the next with courage and faith. Merry Christmas!

—Fr. Dave



# SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER



## BAPTISM

First and third Sundays at Holy Trinity, after the 12 Noon Mass

Second Sundays at Saint John of God, after the 9:45 AM Mass

Fourth Sundays at Saint Malachy, after the 11:00 AM Mass

Baptism classes are required for parents and are held every second Sunday

Email [estuvek@holytrinityrobinson.org](mailto:estuvek@holytrinityrobinson.org) for more info

## RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday 5:30-6:15 PM  
at Holy Trinity

Every Saturday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
at Saint Malachy

Every Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM  
at Saint Mary, Help of Christians

Other times upon appointment



## MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to marry should contact a parish office at least six months before the date of the wedding. In order to set a date for the wedding all couples must first meet with a priest.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available for those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery after every weekend Mass at Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church. Also available upon request.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Lisa Aburaad, Brian Breland, James Breslin, Josh Bruchwajski, Justin Buckley, William Duffy, Travis Dunham, Mark Finnegan, Edward Glance, Jason Glance, Benjamin Goehring, Lewis Hess, Spencer Lindsay, Christopher McDermott, James McGregor, Benjamin Macek, Jacob Mammay, Steven Marshall, Jeremiah Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Michael Murphy, Nick Obusek, Nicholas Rymniak, C.J. Stangl, Chris Straw, James Van Dyke, Jeffrey Vittorio, Chris Wasek, Eric Wasek, Jack Wasek, Joseph Wasek III, and Matthew Zivic

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Esther Burik, Vincent Gasparovich, Eileen Gerger, Robert Handlow, Elaine Herbst, Elizabeth Ann May, Louis Sellman, Mildred (Millie) Stinner, and Nancy Welsh-Malone

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joanie, Patrick Alex, Joan Amon, Lee Baker, Charles Bastyr, Dorothy Bastyr, Rita Battaglini, John Bednar, Dolores Bianco, Dolly Blumling, Ann Borden, Theresa Boros, Elizabeth Bridge, Janet Cain, Betty Campalong, Charles Campbell, Bill Casrelli, Earl Cetto, Ryan Costa, Patricia Coulter, Bev Cummins, Alice Curtolo, Anthony Davis, Jane Davis, Judy Deczkowski, Madeline Deluca, Anya DeFeo, Rene Dewine, Gil Dieteman, Mary Ann Dotchin, Phyllis Downs, Tom Drost, Karen Duran, Don Fern, Marge Ferraro, Helena Ferro, Lynn Frketic, Mira Fulkman, Katie Gasior, John & Bonnie Gallagher, Cynthia Gilchrist, Georgiana Guerra, Bruce Gutt, Lizzie Guzman, Brenna Halbedl, Connie Hanlon, Fr. Robert Hermann, Elizabeth Jakiel, Victoria M. Jeffrey, Louise Jones, Melissa Jones, Sean Jones, Sue Joseck, Alberta Kale, Laura Kammermeier, Ann Kane, Susie Kanuch, Stella Karg, Wasil Karlobski, Jack Kelley, Bonnie Kempton, Arlene Kikle, Joseph Knouse, Sandi Kocis, Gloria Krall, Kevin Kramer, Penny Kramer, Lorraine Kriger, Sandra Kutzavitch, Bob Langmann, Msgr. Lamonde, Karen Lamping, John Leaman, Lori Leaman, Jennifer LePore, Sam Lewis, Patricia Leyda, Irene List, Silvana Mariani, Patricia Martin, Betty Matyaz, Mary Mazzocco, Mariyanna McCarthy, Dolores McGuire, Marla McKnight, Patricia Misklow, Diane Moorhead, Jean Moran, Shelly Morgan, Johnny Mucha, Patrick Murphy, Eddie Nagel, Betty Ann Navickas, Tim Nolan, Mali Olivani, Jude Ostrowski, Cindy Panik, Emil Parent, Sr., Kathy Pfeuffer, Shirley Pioto, Barbara Placek, Margaret Porter, Gerard Powers, Shannon Preininger, Aaron Prosperini, Alice Rhoades, Margaret Ruprecht, Evelyn Schiefer, Lois Schipani, Sam Scotti, David Shankin, Joanna Simmons, Carol Sinatra, Frank Sinatra, Amy Sloat, Fran Smith, Marianne, Raymond Soffa, Jessica Soliz, Anna Spezialetti, Barb Stemmler, Shirley Stephenson, Harry Suehr, Ron Thoma, Elizabeth Vein, Theresa Viziana, Mary "Mia" Walsh, Enzo Watson, Marci Williams, Ron Woshne, Patricia Zerishnek



# FROM MILESTONES AND MEMORIES TO MISSION (PART II)

By Father Sam Esposito



*Due to an inadvertent mishap, Part II of From Milestones and Memories to Mission was missed and Part III was published last week instead. Below is the missing Part II.*

As immigrants from Europe began to settle in the nation after the War of Independence, there were Catholics among them, especially Irish and Germans who were drawn to the young country for a variety of reasons: economic, political and religious. In Pennsylvania, along with the Irish, German Catholic farmers settled in the territory that would, in 1843, become the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Before the diocese was established, all of Pennsylvania was part of the Diocese of Philadelphia that had been erected in 1808.

When Bishop Michael O'Connor arrived as our first bishop, he found some tensions among the Irish and Germans. German Catholics believed the Irish were given preferential treatment and requested that parishes be founded to serve their particular needs. Having settled near Chartiers Creek, they would have made their way to either of the two German parishes in Pittsburgh: Saint Michael, South Side, served by the Passionists, or Saint Philomena in the Strip District, staffed by German Redemptorist priests, among whom was the future bishop and saint, John Neumann.

Travel was difficult, and so it is not surprising that by 1854, the German community around McKees Rocks purchased a small piece of land in what was then Robinson Township, not far from the creek. In the summer of 1855, a small brick structure was completed and dedicated under the title of **Saint Mary, Help of Christians**. The Passionists came to provide pastoral care, even though the priests were Italian and spoke very little German. It was not until a few years had passed that Bishop O'Connor appointed Father Joseph Kaufmann as the first pastor.

It was customary for pastors to be changed frequently in those early years, and while Fr. Kaufmann began a parochial school in the basement of the rectory, there was not much growth until Father Dominic Zwickert became pastor in 1877. Under his leadership the parish purchased property and architectural plans were prepared for a new church, school, parsonage and home for teachers. As it was the only Catholic church in the community, those of all ethnic backgrounds were among the members of the parish. A new wave of immigration began around this time as people came from Italy, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia, drawn by the industry that thrived along the river communities. In time these Catholics would request their own parishes.

*Join us next week as we resume with Part IV.*

Have you noticed the large timeline in each of our churches? The timeline is called: *Three Centuries of Catholic Faith in Our Midst* and explores the history of each of our parishes.

You are invited to take one of the loose leaf pages, near the timeline entitled, *From Memories to Mission*, to share your own memories and think about how they will help contribute to the mission of our new Archangel Gabriel Parish.

## CONFIRMATION UPDATE

BY STEVE SWANK



A task force is being assembled to oversee the consolidation of Faith Formation for our new parish. Currently we have four sessions of traditional Faith Formation (formerly called CCD), three held on Sunday morning and one held on Monday afternoon. Two of the sessions are held at the AGS Kennedy Campus and two are held at the AGS Robinson Campus. The task force will analyze our current configuration as well as Faith Formation at other parishes to determine how we should move forward with the transmission of faith. To offer your feedback to the task force, please go to [rockencatholics.org/faithformationfeedback](http://rockencatholics.org/faithformationfeedback). Thank you!

**Please Note:** Faith Formation sessions will not be held on Sunday, December 22nd, Monday, December 23rd or Sunday, December 29th, and Monday, December 30th. Faith Formation sessions will resume on January 5th and 6th.



## THE JESSE TREE: MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

In almost all versions of the Jesse Tree, we find Jesus in the uppermost branches, representing the fruit which is given to us as nourishment. Immediately below Jesus, however, we find Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

In his own time, God had called the patriarchs and prophets, like Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and so many others, to prepare the way for His Son. And in Mary and her child, the promises, hopes, and expectations of God's own people were finally being fulfilled: *"From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days ... He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock"* (Micah 5:2b, 4a).

For centuries, the ark of the covenant was a sign of God's commitment and promise to Israel. The ark was an icon of God's presence, a reminder that God was with the people, accompanying them as they wandered through the desert and fought to claim a home and identity. Mary became the new tabernacle, the new living ark of the covenant, who carried God within her. In Mary, God was now present in a person, in a heart.

In the final days of Advent, Mary teaches us how to receive the Word of God, whose coming we celebrate at Christmas:

*She exhorts us first of all, to humility, so that God can find a space in our heart ... She points out to us the value of silence, which knows how to listen to the song of the Angels and the crying of the Child ... Together with her, we stop before the Nativity scene with intimate wonder, savoring the simple and pure joy that this Child gives to humanity."* ("Angelus," December 21, 2003)

### For Reflection

*How does the faithful and loving obedience of Mary help you understand obedience in a new way?*

*How have you experienced the presence of Christ in these past weeks of Advent?*

*What are your hopes for yourself and for the world as we look toward Christmas?*

## ADVENT INSIGHT

**Q.** Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

**A.** Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of His Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.



# STEWARDSHIP

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### ROCKENRO OFFERTORY TOTALS DECEMBER 7-8

Holy Trinity Regular Offertory	\$ 11,1698.00
Saint John of God Regular Offertory	\$ 4,149.50
Saint Malachy Regular Offertory	\$ 9,264.00

RockKenRo Regular Offertory \$ 24,582.50

### PARISH SHARE PROGRAM (PSP)

Holy Trinity Assessment	\$ 132,991.00
Saint John of God Assessment	\$ 69,353.00
Saint Malachy Assessment	\$ 99,019.00

RockKenRo Total PSP Assessment \$301,363.00

Holy Trinity PSP Collected	\$ 141,145.00
Saint John of God PSP Collected	\$ 70,050.00
Saint Malachy PSP Collected	\$ 84,628.00

RockKenRo Total PSP Collected \$ 296,813.00

The second collections at the Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses are for the Christmas Charities for Children and Youth. The monies from these collections go towards our parish share assessment goals.

### MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 24, 2020

Join us for the 47th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision. We will petition Congress and the President to protect the right to life of every born and pre-born human being.

Our 55 seat bus departs from Holy Trinity, Robinson Township parking lot at 6:00 AM

For bus reservations or information, call Helen Stamatakis at 412-788-1974 or Sharon Graham at 773-972-6657.

Cost: Adults \$40, Students \$20

Cost includes dinner on bus which is your selection of beef, chicken, or tuna sandwich.

Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Right to Life. Send to Helen Stamatakis; 111 Lakeview Drive; McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Please RSVP by January 17th.



## MASS ATTENDANCE

### ROCKENRO WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 7-8

Saturday December 7	1,006
Sunday December 8	1,795
Total Weekend Attendance	2,801

### ROCKENRO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 9

Holy Trinity Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,006.00
Saint John of God Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,064.50
Saint Malachy Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,236.00

RockKenRo Immaculate Conception Total \$ 3,306.50

## SANCTUARY CANDLE AND HOLY FAMILY NICHE FLOWERS

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

#### SAINT MARY—SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of John and Cecilia Ellek by Son, John

#### SAINT MALACHY—FLOWER NICHE

In honor of the Infant Child Jesus by Rose Marie

### CHRISTMAS OPLATKI WAFERS

The Christmas Oplatki Wafers are now on sale in the Narthex of all of our Churches. The wafers are a Christmas Eve tradition for many members of our parish grouping. The history of the Oplatki dates back to the 10th century and symbolizes the unity of the family. The cost is \$2 for a pack, with all of the proceeds to benefit our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Food Pantry.

### STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS

#### December 8, 2019 Steelers vs. Cardinals

#### Half Time Score: Steelers 13 Cardinals 10

#1 NURSE owned by Betty de Maye-Caruth \$100  
WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER owned

by Anne Zacharias \$100

ONCE? owned by Ruth Janik \$100

#### Final Score: Steelers 23 Cardinals 17

O.R.C.A. owned by Fr. Walt Rydzon \$150

SIR KNIGHT owned by Carol A. Sabol \$150

7 GRAND KIDS owned by Robert and Susan

Mertz \$150

## CHURCH DECORATING DATE AND TIME

The Christmas decorating for Saint John of God will occur on Sunday, December 22nd, after the 9:45 AM Mass.

Many hands make light work. We hope to see you there.





# FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH ANITA ASTORINO KULIK, KEITH SCHMIDT, AND BRANDON MCGINLEY



**Anita Astorino Kulik (D)** serves as the state representative for the 45th Legislative District. She was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Her late mother was a grade school teacher and her late father, Dr. Samuel Astorino, was a professor of history and law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Anita graduated from Bishop Canevin High School and received her bachelor of arts and juris doctor degrees from Duquesne University.



**Keith Schmidt (R)** is a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania. Keith's journey into public life began at a very young age when he worked as an intern in Southwestern Pennsylvania for Governor Ronald Reagan's successful presidential campaign in 1980. A year after he delivered the commencement address at his high school graduation in 1982, he won a seat on the Montour School Board. After continuing to work over three decades in government and politics, Keith formed his consulting firm "Bridge Connections" in 2007.



**Brandon McGinley (Moderator)** is a Catholic writer and speaker who has written dozens of articles in places like First Things and the Catholic Herald, edited numerous books for EWTN Publishing, and addressed audiences around the country. He also writes a regular column for the Scottish Catholic Observer. His work is all about articulating a fully integrated view of Catholic living, anchored in tradition but oriented toward the future.

**TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2020**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM, TALK BEGINS AT 7:15 PM**

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SCHOOL KENNEDY GYM (SAINT MALACHY)

RSVPS ARE APPRECIATED - [WWW.ROCKENROCATHOLICS.ORG](http://WWW.ROCKENROCATHOLICS.ORG)

# SCHEDULES

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> <b>HT</b>	Patricia Baughman   Linda Groznik Andrea Kurtz   <Ministers Needed>	Kim Feeley Maria Henry	Eve A. Grace G.
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> <b>SM</b>	Karen Fiola   Val Pietracatello   Mel Weinstein <Mionisters Needed>	Richard Parrish	Nolan M. Frank S. Victoria S.
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> <b>SJOG</b>	Lydia King   Mary Anne Scrabis Anne Lutz Zacharias   <Ministers Needed>	<Lectors Needed>	Sarah N.
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>HT</b>	Christine Drake   Stan Drake Joanne Ferlazzo   Herb Hungerman <Ministers Needed>	Don Groesser	Addison B. Rebekah R.
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>SM</b>	Janet Oakes   <Ministers Needed>	Dell Oakes	J.T. H.
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>SJOG</b>	<Ministers Needed>	<Lectors Needed>	<Servers Needed>
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>10:00 PM</b> <b>HT</b>	Al Jamiolkowski   Cathy Jamiolkowski Margaret Jamiolkowski   Steve Mosur <Ministers Needed>	Anita Bridge Susan Leininger	Joseph L. Michael L.
<b>Tue. Dec 24</b> <b>10:00 PM</b> <b>SM</b>	Lynnette Castelucci   Tim Davis   Pat Kulak <Ministers Needed>	Rosemary Corsetti	Nico C. Adam K. Joshua K.
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b> <b>12 Midnight</b> <b>SJOG</b>	Alexis Adamchik   <Ministers Needed>	<Lectors Needed>	<Servers Needed>
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>HT</b>	John Carberry   Frank Gardner Kitty Kon   Frank Vietmeier Susan Vietmeier   <Minister Needed>	Gerard Beer Sally Logue	Lidia O.
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>SM</b>	Peg Collins   Linda Hoffman   Regina Mell Susan Ondo	<Lectors Needed>	Bobby O. Katy O. Michael O.
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> <b>SJOG</b>	Deacon Tim Killmeyer   <Ministers Needed>	Wanda Mruczek	Sarah N.
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>HT</b>	Nancy Barner   Brenda Mack <Ministers Needed>	Ken Buckley Cathy O'Toole	<Servers Needed>
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>SM</b>	Terri Donovan   <Ministers Needed>	Terri Donovan	Bill G. Oliwia K. Natalie T.

## MASS INTENTIONS

A reminder that the Mass Intentions books are open at all of our churches. To schedule, please call the offices at:

Holy Trinity 412-787-2140  
Saint John of God 412-771-5646  
Saint Malachy 412-771-5483

## NOTICE:

If you have loved ones you wish to add to the prayer list of Our Sick and/or Our Service Men and Women, please contact your parish office or email [bulletin@holytrinityrobinson.org](mailto:bulletin@holytrinityrobinson.org).

# SCHEDULES

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Sat. Dec 28</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> <b>SM</b>	Mike Athanas   Nancy Athanas   Rosemary Corsetti Ken Dorman   Jim Lisiak Bill Worms   Lisa Worms	Dan Gallagher Scott O'Neal	Benjamin G. Julia M. Oliwia K.
<b>Sat. Dec 28</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> <b>SJOG</b>	Lynn Ayoob   Terry Fedio Mark Honath   Lydia King Mary Ann Scrabis   Mike Tomsco	Phyllis Aluisse	Victoria D. Alexis N. Sara N.
<b>Sat. Dec 28</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>HT</b>	Linda Gomulka   Dennis Kocsuta Andrea Kurtz   William Logue Donna Orr   Daniel Sullivan	David Hess Sandy Hess	Grace M. Richard M.
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>HT</b>	John Carberry   Terry Donoghue Roger Froats   Kathryn Kon Frank Vietmeier   Susan Vietmeier	Diana Froats Maria Henry	Anna P. Joseph P.
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>SM</b>	Dan Beyer   Za Beyer   Pat Daly—E Ann Kachmar   Ed Kantz Lori Knudsen—W/CH   Janet Oakes	Marie Incorvati Dell Oakes	Adam K. Joshua K. Hogan S.
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> <b>SJOG</b>	Alexis Adamchik   Claudia Hemphill Anne Lutz Zacharias   Patrick O'Connor <Two Ministers Needed>	Donna Spohn	Brianna K. <Server Needed>
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>HT</b>	Nancy Barner   Debbie Manion James Manion   Steve Mosur Lisa Pompeani   Judith Reed	Ken Buckley Robert Waruszcwski	Tanner G. Hunter G.
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>SM</b>	Terri Donovan   Karen Fiola   Karl Foerster Ann Jozwiak   Mary Lou Kost Pat Kulak   Barbara Marshall	Richard Parrish	Natasha K. Elena P. Mark P.
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> <b>HT</b>	Patricia Baughman   Mary Kay Buranosky Denise Carr   Charles Donina Greg Leininger   David Martin	Mary Alice Farren Kim Feeley	Lucas S. Julia Z.
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>HT</b>	Kathleen Gennuso   Richard Gennuso Mary Weibel   <Minister Needed>	Christine Kuchnicki Susan Leininger	Henry B. Lidia O.

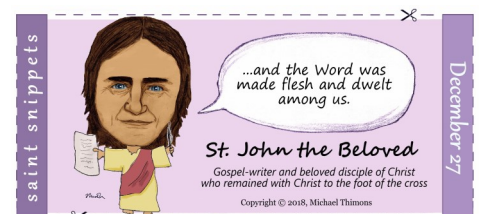
## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2019

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 35:1-6A, 10 / Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
<b>Monday:</b>	Jas 2:14-17 / Ps 112:1BC-2, 3-4, 5-7, 6-8, 9 / Jn 13:34 / Lk 6:27-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 / Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29 / Lk 1:67-79
<b>Vigil:</b>	Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
<b>During Night:</b>	Is 9:1-6 / Ps:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14
<b>At Dawn:</b>	Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20
<b>During Day:</b>	Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Ps 118:26A, 27A / Mt 10:17-22
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn 20:1A And 2-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 1:5-2-2 / Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8 / Mt 2:13-18
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

## LUCKY LOTTERY

Tickets are only \$25.00 each. Lottery begins January 1st and ends June 30th. Winning number is taken from the Pick 3 (Daily Number) **evening drawing only** of the Pennsylvania State Lottery.

Tickets are available to purchase after each Mass at the scrip table or by contacting Michele at [shellmarra@comcast.net](mailto:shellmarra@comcast.net).





# THE WEEK AHEAD

## OFFICES CLOSED

The parish offices will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 24th  
Wednesday, December 25th  
Thursday, December 26th  
Tuesday, December 31st  
Wednesday, January 1st

For all sacramental emergencies, please call 412-787-2140.

## HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Many thanks to all who made the November 9th craft show a success.

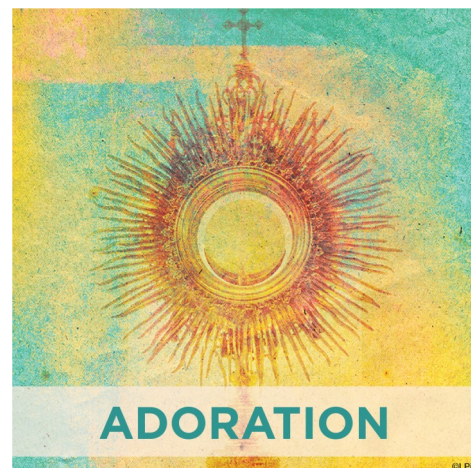
- the Knights of Columbus
- Faith Formation parents and students
- anyone who sent baked goods to the show
- Steve Swank
- Becky Macek
- Maintenance Staff

If we forgot to mention your group or name and you helped, please know we are very appreciative of how you helped. Thank you!

—The Holy Trinity Ladies Guild

## THANK YOU

With the passing of time comes the passing of the torch and we would like to extend our gratitude and "Thank You" to Carol Rippole and Eleanor Vith, as they retire from their volunteer service ministries at Saint John of God Bingo and Saint John of God Pizza Kitchen, respectively. Their combined decades of work and leadership in the various aspects of both of these important fundraisers are examples and reminders of the opportunity and will to serve without asking. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.



## EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday  
5:30-6:15 PM  
Holy Trinity

Every First Friday  
After 6:30 PM Mass  
until 6:30 AM Saturday Morning  
Holy Trinity

Every Third Tuesday  
1:00-6:30 PM  
Saint Malachy

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 | Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM	Holy Trinity
4:00 PM	Saint Malachy
4:30 PM	Saint John of God
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity
6:30 PM	Saint Malachy
8:00 PM	Saint John of God
10:00 PM	Holy Trinity
10:00 PM	Saint Malachy

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | Christmas

12:00 Midnight	Saint John of God
9:00 AM	Holy Trinity
9:00 AM	Saint Malachy
9:45 AM	Saint John of God
11:00 AM	Holy Trinity
11:00 AM	Saint Malachy

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, VIGIL AND FEAST DAY

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil

4:00 PM	Saint Malachy
4:30 PM	Saint John of God
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Feast Day

8:30 AM	Holy Trinity
8:30 AM	Saint Malachy
9:30 AM	Saint John of God
11:00 AM	Saint Malachy
12:00 Noon	Holy Trinity
6:30 PM	Holy Trinity

# SERVICE



## FREE ACCESS RIDES TO PARISH EVENTS

If you are 65 or older, you are eligible to participate in a **FREE** ride-sharing program. Archangel Gabriel Parish is a third party sponsor with Pennsylvania's Shared Ride Program and ACCESS to provide transportation to Masses, dinners, festivals, evening speaker series, Stations of the Cross, and more. All we need to start is your name and address. In addition, there is a one time proof-of-age requirement.

To register, or for more information, contact Deacon Tim at 412-787-1472 or email him at [timkillmeyer@verizon.net](mailto:timkillmeyer@verizon.net)

## BINGO AT SAINT JOHN OF GOD

The Bingo at Saint John of God is in need of kitchen volunteers from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM every bingo Wednesday. Additionally, there is needed support in shopping for food, drinks, and supplies. If you are interested and available, please contact the Saint John of God office at 412-771-5646 for further details.

## PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS

The Pizza Kitchen at Mother of Sorrows Social Hall will be closed on Friday, December 27th and January 3rd. When we return on January 10th, it will be Falagone Friday.

## FEED THE NEEDY

The next Feed the Needy Weekend will take place on the weekend of January 4th and 5th at Holy Trinity. Food donation and monetary donation are appreciated.

The pantry is in need of the following items:

- Cans of Fruit
- Pancake Mix
- Paper Towels
- Hamburger Helper
- Condiments
- Jelly
- Syrup

Thank-you for your generosity.

## F.O.R. COLLECTION

The next monthly collection of non-perishable food for the F.O.R. is January 4th and 5th, at Saint Malachy. The F.O.R. is grateful for all food and monetary donations. If you are providing cash, a check, or a gift certificate, please place it in the donation box, not in the bags of food to prevent loss or misplacement.

## CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

The RockenRo Ladies of Charity wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the generosity of the parishioners who supported the Christmas and Homebound Projects in the parishes. Please know that the gifts are very much appreciated by the recipients.

We wish to extend a special thank you to the Praise, Worship, and Service Group of Archangel Gabriel School who crafted Christmas Stars for our Homebound.

## NIGHT AT THE RACES & MONTE CARLO

Clear your calendar for Saturday evening, **January 25th for Night at the Races & Monte Carlo** in the Archangel Gabriel School Social Hall. Don't worry about a babysitter. Free child care will be provided for the night. Benefit: Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus charities. Look for more information in the coming weeks.



## EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

BY KRISTIN HAYES

This past week at Edge, the night began with a challenge to complete a scavenger hunt of "mission" oriented tasks. The teaching unpacked the beauty, necessity, and effects of the Sacrament of Baptism. Afterwards, the youth broke into their small groups to discuss how Baptism affects their lives personally. We introduced to the Lord's Prayer as the prayer of the Church and took time to intercede for people in our lives who we know need prayer.

**The next EDGE Night is Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM in the AGS – Kennedy Campus gym. All youth in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend.**





ARCHANGEL GABRIEL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Children Follow His Light



### The Star

Our second graders are in preparation mode throughout this whole year. They are preparing for their First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion, but right now, they are preparing for the birth of Jesus. They each created an Advent chain made out of paper links with a beautiful star at the top. Each night they have been tearing one link off while reflecting upon the star that shone so bright telling the world of Jesus' birth.



### The Tree

Decorating Christmas trees is a custom that celebrates Jesus being the light of the world. Throughout the hallways of our school, we are blessed to be able to showcase our decorations and displays as we carry on this custom while also showcasing all that we are learning inside the classrooms.



### The Gift

While following the light of Christ, our Student Council members were inspired to hold a Toy Drive. They collected over 100 unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army to distribute to children in need throughout the community. We are overjoyed at the generosity our students and our families have shown.



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