

Our Lady Queen Of the Americas Church

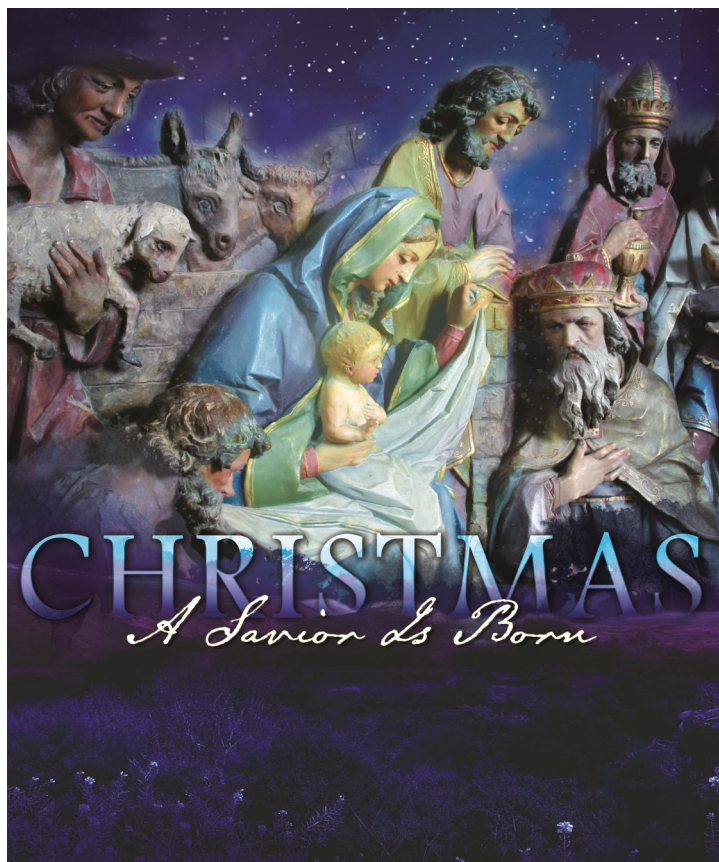
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Days: 8:00 AM; Vigil: 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY Schedule: Monday—Friday

6:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:45 am Vigils
7:15 am Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:35 am Holy Rosary
7:50 am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT, DEC 23	SAINT JOHN OF KANTY 5:00 PM Ralph Carapellotti † (Bill & Paula Greco & Family)
SUN, DEC 24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-CHRISTMAS EVE 8:00 AM Rev. Fr. Steve Anderson † (Memorial Mass) 10:30 AM Tony Abati (Memorial Mass) 5:00 PM Michael Brown † (Bill Cotter) 10:00 PM Relatives and Friends
MON, DEC 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD- CHRISTMAS DAY 8:00 AM Relatives & Friends
TUE, DEC 26	SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR 8:00 AM Tony Abati (Memorial Mass)
WED, DEC 27	ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST 8:00 AM Father Steve Anderson (Memorial Mass)
THU, DEC 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS 8:00 AM Sylvester Miller (Intentions of Leonard & Esther Tomaszewski)
FRI, DEC 29	SAINT THOMAS BECKET 8:00 AM Richard R. Kownacki, Sr. (Memorial Mass)
SAT, DEC 30	6TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 5:00 PM Kathy Wiltsie † (Walter & Denise Thomas)
SUN, DEC 31	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 8:00 AM Michael Brown † (David Cotter) 10:30 AM Anne & Albert Collins † (Earl & Marlene Gross)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS **BULLETIN DEADLINE**
Monday-Thursday 9AM—3PM BY 3:00 PM, Monday
CLOSED FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM, or by request

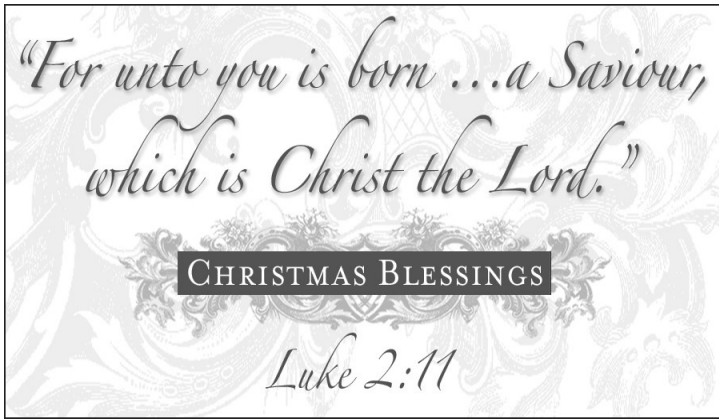
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please phone the Church Office if you have family members in the hospital, or who are seriously ill, or elderly, and are confined to their homes. It is important that all of our sick be anointed by a priest, on a regular basis. I am always available to anoint our Sick

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM
Call Parish Office for information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
Call the Parish office (form on back of bulletin)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):
Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office. Inquiries welcomed at any time. Sessions begin September of each year.

SISTER PARISH
St. Anthony of Padua, Tekit, Yucatan, Mexico
St. Isidore, Ochil
Our Lady of the Assumption, Mama
St. John the Baptist, Sabacche



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRIEST

*“HOW SILENTLY, HOW SILENTLY
THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN!
SO GOD IMPARTS TO HUMAN HEARTS THE BLESSINGS
OF HIS HEAVEN.
NO EAR CAN HEAR HIS COMING, YET IN THIS WORLD
OF SIN,
WHERE MEEK SOULS WILL RECEIVE HIM STILL, THE
DEAR CHRIST ENTERS IN.”*

Written by Rev. Phillips Brooks, in 1868, these words speak of the “silent coming” of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Father Brooks had just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and he was inspired to write this poem that we know as the hymn, “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

We are called during this Advent Season to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord.

We are called to watch for his coming, and to wait in expectation, as parents await the arrival of a newborn baby. We are called to wait, with hope, and love, as Mary and Joseph did, in that “Little Town,” so long ago.

My prayer for all of you this Advent, and in the coming season of Christmas, is that you are prepared to enter fully into the mystery of the coming of the Lord; that you enter fully into the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and that you realize in yourselves the great Gift that our good and gracious God gives us in that little Child, lying in Mary’s arms.

May the dear Christ enter your hearts at Christmas, and remain with you forever. Amen.

With love for all of you, I impart my filial blessing,

Father David

The Week Ahead

**The Office will be closed
December 24, 2017 thru January 1, 2018**

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

31 Club—Please pray for vocations...

25th: M A Shay	29th: R A Cooper
26th: M Staahl	30th: R A Cooper
27th: D Thomas	31st: P Taylor
28th: R A Cooper	

If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT						
DECEMBER		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	M Uzelac T Bazylak	C Waldron J Waldron	P Billingsley B Slevin L Slevin	T Donegan M Donegan J Haylett G Humes	J Mushrush
SUN	8:00 AM	A Novosel J Novosel	M Hornfeck A Brown	S Treacy J Treacy T Predis	R Barton G English K Novosel D Vincent	B Boyer
SUN	10:30 AM	J Temel N Temel	G Ellis S Karastury	P Jacobs S Ragozine J Skendall	J Arnett E Gross D Perfett P Taylor	T Kaider
OFFERING COUNTERS		Dec 3 M Staahl R Bullock	Dec 10 J Elwell K Little	Dec 17 L Helch R Jezak	Dec 24 P Hilton P Gilfoyle	Dec 31 L Joyce A Andres


BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

Dec 24: JoAnn Elwell
 Dec 25: Adrian Wasserman; Jesus of Nazareth
 Dec 26: Mary Burchard, Christopher Staton
 Dec 27: Cynthia DeMarco
 Dec 28: Sylvester Miller, Thomas Pustelak
 Dec 29: Julie Burchard, Linda Prenatt, Noah Scott
 Dec 30: James Kullen, Cynthia Perfett

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

Dec 26: Dale & Debra Whitehead (35)
 Dec 29: Richard & Elizabeth Gero (6)

If you find an error in any of these listings, please call the office to update your records. Thank you



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RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

For more information, contact **Amanda Darke & Denise Thomas**
 olqaeducation@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252

Office Hours: By Appointment ONLY

Dec 24 & 31	NO CLASS; Christmas break
Sun, Jan 7	NO CLASS
Sun, Jan 14	Class BOTH sessions; Senior class meets
Sun, Jan 21	Class BOTH sessions
Sun, Jan 28	Class BOTH sessions Senior class meets COFFEE and DONUTS after morning masses
Sun, Feb 4	NO CLASS
Sun, Feb 11	Class BOTH sessions Senior Class
Wed, Feb 14	Ash Wednesday



MARCH FOR LIFE

A 56 seat Anderson coach will depart from St. Philip Church Linesville, PA on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 11:30 PM and leave Washington DC at 5PM after the march on Friday, January 19, 2018.

We will attend mass at the National Shrine on Friday, at 7:30 AM.

For further details please contact Amy at 814-683-5219.

Please make reservations early.

Bus seats are \$25 each.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

continues on Monday evenings from 6—7:30 PM. Due to the materials needed, there is a \$10 registration fee.

Jan 15, 2018

Jan 22, 2018

Jan 29, 2018

You can "begin" at any time.

There is an online component to help you catch up! All are welcome



Readings for the Week

<<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible>

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