

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

# St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

Pastor/Administrator Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Deacon Charles R. Ahearn - Deacon Allan F. Duman

**St. Mary**  
312 Clark St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
814-695-0622

## Mass Schedule at St. Mary:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 and 10:00 AM.  
Daily and Holy Days: See inside

## Confessions:

Saturday: 2:30 to 3:30 PM  
Wednesday: 5:30 PM  
Thursday: 4:00 PM before  
the First Friday of the month

## Office Phone Number and Hours:

Office: 814-695-0622  
Mon. to Thurs. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

## Administrative Assistant:

Ethel Cunningham 814-695-0622

## Parish website:

[www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys](http://www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys)

## Parish Email:

[stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org)

## Director of Music:

Ms. Anna Podoletz

## Cemetery:

Carol 814-695-9798

## Facility Managers:

Greg & Shari Figurelli

## Bulletin Publisher:

George Mollish

## Baptism & Marriage:

Call the church office to  
schedule an appointment.  
2 weeks notice requested for  
Baptism. 9 months notice  
required for Marriage.

## Christian Initiation:

Interested in becoming a  
member of the Catholic faith?  
Contact the parish office.  
Classes normally begin  
in the Fall.

## Director of Religious Education for both parishes:

Sue Teske 814-695-0912  
or 814-934-2180

## Hollidaysburg Catholic Youth Group Director:

Tim Baranik 814-207-7008

## Holy Trinity Catholic School:

Hollidaysburg 814-695-6112  
Altoona 814-381-7011  
Middle School 814-942-7835

## Holy Trinity Catholic School

### Website:

[www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
301 Spruce St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
814-695-0912

## Mass Schedule at St. Michael:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM.  
Daily and Holy Days: See inside

## Confessions:

Saturdays at 1:00 to 2:00 PM

## Office Phone Number and Hours:

Office: 814-695-0912  
Mon. to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Office Manager:

Janet Klingbeil 814-695-0912  
or 814-207-1479

## Building Supervisor:

J. Terry Wilt, ICETGW

## Parish website:

[www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org](http://www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org)

## Parish Email:

[stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org)

## Music Coordinator:

Julie Hanlon - Contemporary  
Sandy Harteis - Traditional

## Greenlawn Cemetery:

[greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com](mailto:greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com)

## St. Michael's Pastoral Council:

[saintmichaelpcc@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelpcc@gmail.com)

**Parishioner Registration:** If you would like to join the parish, please contact either rectory/church office. Please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

**Bulletin Deadline:** The deadline to have information considered for publication in the bulletin is noon Tuesday prior to the weekend of the announcement. Send the information to [gmollish@volunteeraj.org](mailto:gmollish@volunteeraj.org), or either church office.

**GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS**

**Come to the Lord and experience  
the extraordinary grace of his  
forgiveness!**

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DEC. 11th - 4:00 PM  
AT ST. MARY**

**Let them turn to the Lord  
to find mercy; to our God,  
who is generous in forgiving**

*Isaiah 55:7b*



**All are welcome!**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

This Thursday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States.

This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception.

America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and guide us along the path of justice and peace.

**Vigil Mass Wednesday  
6:30 PM at St. Mary**

**Mass Thursday  
7:45 AM and 8:30 AM at  
St. Michael  
12:00 Noon at St. Mary**

***Christmas Schedule***

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil)**

**Saturday, December 24th**

**4:00 PM Children's Mass at both Churches**

**7:00 PM Mass at Both Churches**

**10:00 PM Mass at St. Mary**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Sunday, December 25th**

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Michael**

**10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary**

**No 11:30 AM Mass Christmas Day**

**Solemnity of Mary,**

**The Holy Mother of God**

**Regular weekend Mass schedule**

**John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
"repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"**

**Matthew 3:1**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES**

DATE	DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
12/03	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ All the Souls in Purgatory	Blodgett & Papciak Families
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	✠ Joe Boland	Carol and children
12/04	SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	♥ Mike & Mary Jean Walls 60th Anniversary	Family
		7:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ Deceased members of the Liebal Family	Helen Liebal
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Americo Pulcino	Rick & Cammy Pulcino
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Terry Claycomb	His wife, Peggy
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor
12/05	MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Dorothy Pratt	The Family
12/06	TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Peggy Baker - Hart	The Baker Family
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY					
12/07	WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	✠ Robert Brenner	Daus, Leschuk & MacInnes Families
12/08	THURS	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Barbara Zanker	The Trustees
		8:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASS Regina Ventresca	Eric Pick
		12:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Joseph Bevacqua	Ron & Sue Nori
12/09	FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠ Helen Curran	Carol & Bud Mccoy
12/10	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Ralph Mielnik	Steve & Yen Gates
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	✠ Stephen Swope	Dan, Vicki and Maeve Lawruk
12/11	SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ Mary (Tudy) Healey	Janice Nicometi
		7:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ Raymond Brown	Elda Brown Family
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Bill Leach	Bob & Cathy Allen
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ The Stofka & Frank Families	Steve & Janice Frank
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor

**Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule**

	JR. READER * 1 or 2 Needed	READER * 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
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**Saturday, December 3rd**

St. Mary 4:00 PM		Alicia Sosnowski - 1st Jeff Muriceak - 2nd	Bruno Felus Mary Smith	Claire Muriceak Grace Muriceak	Shari Figurelli Meagan James Rick Pulcino		
St. Michael 5:00 PM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	MaryAnn Litzinger(1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Lisa Michelone Larry Savino	Vernon Litzinger NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Michelone	Michael Waibel NOT FILLED

**Sunday, December 4th**

St. Mary 7:30 AM		Connie Curfman - 1st Jo Ann Propcheck - 2nd	Kay Benton Greg Figurelli	Isabella Pietrolungo NOT FILLED	Jodie Feath Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman		
St. Michael 7:30 AM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	NOT FILLED (1) Bob Anthony (2)	Rich Holzer Bob Anthony	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Steve Frank NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jo DeLozier	John Elder Ben Gervinski NOT FILLED
St. Mary 10:00 AM		Keila Whittington - 1st Craig Mauk - 2nd	Sharon King Diane Stephens	Joshua Bueno Julia Wesner	Dottie Gonsman John McIntyre Michael Moran		
St. Michael 10:00 AM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	Debbie Chapman (1) Pat Gildea (2)	Andrea Wilk Debbie Chapman	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED Joe Dodson Greg Olsavick	Dale & Marty Culp	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Michael 11:30 AM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	NOT FILLED (1) Debbie Sault (2)	Ginny Harrington Andy Weyant	Jacob Pochak Dean Pochak	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	Tim Surkovich NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (December 4th to December 10th): Anita Carvalho

**\*The Deacon will be ordinary minister of communion and read the Universal prayers, if he is present.**

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**Saturday, December 10th**

St. Mary 4:00 PM		Joline Luciano - 1st Carol Hallberg - 2nd	Bruno Felus Michael Mollish	Shari Figurelli Benjamin Sosnowski	Meagan James Michael Johnston Chris Johnston		
St. Michael 5:00 PM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	NOT FILLED (1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Lisa Michelone Dan Klingbeil	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Dan Klingbeil	Lisa Michelone	Michael Waibel Janet Klingbeil

**Sunday, December 11th**

St. Mary 7:30 AM		Susan Painter - 1st Rachel Sleeth - 2nd	Jodie Feath Shawn Sullivan	Rachel Musselman Adam Musselman	Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman NOT FILLED		
St. Michael 7:30 AM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	Bob Anthony (1) Becky Stevens (2)	MaryAnne Burger NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jo DeLozier	Ben Gervinski NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Mary 10:00 AM		Dottie Gonsman - 1st Beverly Buterbaugh - 2nd	Sharon King Mary Smith	Sheylyn Riley NOT FILLED	Greg Figurelli John McIntyre Michael Moran		
St. Michael 10:00 AM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	Lisa Georgiana (1) Francine Boland (2)	Alicia Jordan Rita Pompa	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED Joe Dodson Greg Olsavick	Rita Pompa	Barry Craig LeighAnn Craig
St. Michael 11:30 AM	NOT FILLED (Intro) NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer)	Debbie Sault (1) Jeff Johnson (2)	Ginny Harrington Eva Pope	Jacob Pochak Dean Pochak	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Peggy Claycomb	Andy Weyant	Tim Surkovich NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (December 11th to December 17th): Peggy Claycomb

Recent changes to the schedules may not be shown.  
Volunteers are encouraged to login to the Ministry Scheduler Pro Program for the most updated schedule.

If you are having problems logging in, contact the parish office.

Fr. Alan will bless everyone's nativities!

# St. Mary & St. Michael NATIVITY FESTIVAL



## St. Mary Social Hall

312 Clark Street- Hollidaysburg PA

**Saturday, December 17th**  
**3 PM - 7 PM**

**Sunday, December 18th**  
**8:30 AM - 6:00 PM**



**FREE Christmas Concert by the Altoona Community Band**  
**at 3:00 PM on Sunday in St. Mary Church**

**Please help** by sharing your Nativity Scene(s)! We are honored to have your help spreading Christ's message of life. All sorts of Nativity sets are welcome, antique, heirloom, traditional, contemporary, homemade. The bigger the variety the better! Each donor will be invited to set-up and take down their own scenes, ideally just like you would display in your own home complete with special cloths, lights etc... Set-up will be on Thursday - Friday (Dec. 15 & 16). Take down will be on Sunday after the festival or Monday. **Your scenes will be displayed so that no one can touch them!**

**HELP IS ALSO NEEDED !** Can you help set-up, serve as a greeter, **donate cookies**, take down and help decorate the churches afterwards.

Please let us know! Families are encouraged to get involved.

Great opportunity for service hours too! To volunteer or for questions contact:

**St. Michael parish office 814-695-0912 or 814-931-1398.**

**Please complete an entry form which can be found at each entrance**  
**or online at [www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org](http://www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org)**  
**BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**

## Our Deepest Sympathy



To the family and friends  
of Terry A. Musselman.

May God grant him  
eternal rest and bring  
comfort to all who mourn.

May Mary, the Sorrowful  
Mother, console the  
hearts of all who mourn

## E-Z Money Calendar Winners

Tim Wilk. Kathy Bartel, Angela Heim,  
Charles Watt Lisa Julian, Jeffrey  
Boley, Margaret Storm, Kevin Corl,  
Meagan James, Steve Amick, and  
William Dively.

**HOLY SPIRIT MINISTRY**  
**INVITES YOU TO AN**

# ADVENT

**of**  
**Christmas**  
**Party**

**Praise & Worship**  
**Lite fare & fellowship**

*Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert*

**Tuesday, December 6th**  
**7 PM ~ St. Michael's Church**  
**Hollidaysburg**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**COUNCIL 4245**  
**HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA**

**WINTER**

**TICKETS \$10**

**THIS IS THE SEASON TO EAT CHICKEN!**

**JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER BBQ!**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11**

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**TICKETS ONLY \$10**

**TAKE OUT ONLY**

**MEAL INCLUDES: OUR FAMOUS BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, AND ROLL.**

For Tickets Call: Bob Hazenstab (696-4206), Ed Zang (207-9684),  
Ray Gregorchik (232-6557), Jerry Kovach (696-0198),  
Tim Surkovich (696-1209), Dan Turcovsky (414-9636),  
or call the Knights Hall (695-4752)

**BENEFITS:**

**HELP NEEDED TO SELL TICKETS**

Saint Mary's Parish	
\$6,145.00	Adult Collection
10.00	Children
210.00	Loose Cash
118.00	Candles
40.00	Capitol Improvement
40.00	Utilities
125.00	Catholic Charities
210.00	Retired Priest Medical
35.00	Immac. Conception
65.00	Solemnity of Mary
1,080.00	Christmas
110.00	Christmas Memorials
200.00	Rent
Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship	

# THIS WEEKEND

**St. Mary Guild's**  
**Soup Sale**  
**In The Social Hall**

**This Sat., Dec. 3rd - 3:00 to 5:30 PM**  
**This Sun., Dec. 4th - 7:00 AM to Noon**

**Soup \$4.00 a Pint**  
**Ham & Bean**

**Soup \$4.00 a Pint**  
**Stuffed Pepper**

**Soup \$4.00 a Pint**  
**Chicken Noodle**

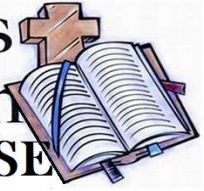
# Children's Christmas Eve Mass



Plans are in the making for a children's 4 PM Mass at both parishes on Christmas Eve. First Grade children are invited to participate in the opening procession and to act out the Gospel reading. If your child(ren) is interested in taking part of this tradition, please call Sue at 814-695-0912 by **December 11th**. If you have older children we could use their help with the First, Second Readings and Universal prayers. (Seating for you and your children will be reserved.)

Rehearsal for the 4:00 PM Christmas Mass:  
**Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 PM at St. Michael**  
**Thursday, Dec 22 at 6:00 PM at St. Mary**

## Religious Education OPEN HOUSE



Parents are invited to sit in on their child's Religious Education Class and participate in a discussion with the student's and teachers. Afterwards there will be a fellowship gathering.

**Pre K - 3rd grade**  
**On Sunday, December 4th**

**Grades 4 - 8**  
**On Sunday, December 11th**

**8:45 - 9:45 AM**

**St. Nicholas will visit classes**  
**this Sunday, December 4th**



## Happy 60th Anniversary



**Grateful to God for**  
**60 Years of Marriage**

**Married December 1, 1962**

**Harry and Anna Walters**

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## First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade Students

**Saturday, December 10th at 10 AM**

Preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to show them that God is love and that in mercy He is always ready to forgive, no matter what the wrong. It assures them that God already knows the secrets of our hearts, but sometimes we need to name these aloud in order to prepare our hearts to renew the experience of God's love and forgiveness. It shows them that just as God is One, God dreams that we might all be one as well--one with each other and one with God. God's will is that all people will be reconciled with one another and with God. What an extraordinary gift!



### LOCAL ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

DEC. 4th	5:00 PM	Saint Joseph, Bellwood
DEC. 9th	5:30 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona
DEC. 10th	10:00 AM	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona
DEC. 11th	4:00 PM	Saint Mary, Hollidaysburg
DEC. 12th	7:00 PM	Saint Rose of Lima, Altoona
DEC. 12th	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona
DEC. 12th	7:00 PM	Saint Matthew, Tyrone
DEC. 14th	6:00 PM	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
DEC. 18th	4:00 PM	Saint John the Evangelist, Altoona
DEC. 22nd	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart, Altoona

**Christian Outreach Committee**  
**To Support the Hollidaysburg American Rescue Workers with**  
**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
**Requested Donation for**  
**December 10th & 11th**  
**Stuffing (Stove Top, etc.)**  
**Instant Potatoes**

**HOLLIDAYSBURG COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
 Saturday December 10, 2022 7:00pm  
 Sunday December 11, 2022 2:00pm  
**Sing a Merry Christmas**  
 Guest Vocalists: Pastor John and Karen Godissart  
 Performance by: Children's Community Chorus  
 Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School  
 Tickets: \$10.00 (age 18 & under) Tickets can be pre-purchased from choir members or at The Music Emporium, Kousner Social Connections, Good and all Theaters Pharmacies.  
 Sponsored by: David, David, New York Life Insurance Company and Stopping Child of Hollidaysburg

**Retirement Fund for Religious**  
**December 11th**



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

You are being asked once again to come to the aid of retired Religious who are in need of your financial assistance by generously responding to the RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS collection schedule for the weekend of December 10th and 11th.

**Stay Connected**



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 To sign up, text  
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**Benefit Of**  
**ST. MARY'S LADIES GUILD**  
**2023 E-Z MONEY CALENDAR**  
 January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023  
 Winning Number is Based on the Drawing at 7pm - Pick 3 (3 Digit) of Pennsylvania State Lottery  
**PRICE PER TICKET: \$25.00**  
 Unsold Tickets Not Eligible to Win



**Cub Scout Pack 331**

will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and socks for all ages as a part of the boys' "Duty to God" requirement. On Monday, December 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at St. Mary's Social Hall, 312 Clark St., Hollidaysburg. Call Malissa Yon at 814-777-6901 with any questions.

Donations will be forwarded to the American Rescue Workers and Cove Forge Behavioral Health Center for distribution to those in need this Winter season.

Cub Scout Pack 331 for boys is sponsored by St. Michael's Church and meets during the school year on Mondays at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Social Hall. Boys from Kindergarten to Fifth grade are welcome to join anytime.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4245 • HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA**  
**50/50 THE BIG ONE**  
 DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 24, 2022  
**TICKETS: \$1.00 EACH**  
 FOR TICKETS CALL: BOB HAZENSTAB - 814-696-4206  
 A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD BANKS

**Upcoming Events at**  
**St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes**

**Pray the Rosary**  
 Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Masses.

Dec 3 - 4	St. Mary Soup Sale (St. Mary's Social hall) Sat. 3 - 5:30 PM and Sunday 7 AM - Noon	
Dec 4	8:45 AM	Religious Ed Classes (Open house for grades pre K—3rd grade)
Dec. 6	7:00 PM	Holy Spirit Ministry & Christmas Social
Dec 8	<b>Immaculate Conception - HOLY DAY</b> Dec 7 - 6:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Mary Dec. 8 - 7:45 & 8:30 AM Mass at St. Michael and Noon at St. Mary	
Dec 2 - 8	St. Mary Parish office Closed (St. Michael Office closed on Dec. 8)	
Dec. 8	7 PM	Faith Sharing (St. Mary Social Hall)
Dec. 9	<b>Nativity set sharing info due</b>	
Dec. 10	10 AM	1st reconciliation (at St. Michael Parish)
Dec. 11	8:45 AM	Religious Ed Classes (Open house for grades 4 - 8th)
Dec 11	4 PM	Advent Penance service (at St. Mary Church)

**Pray The Rosary**



**Thursday 6:00 PM**

**at St. Michael Church**

**All are welcome!**

**Saint Michael's Parish**  
**Stewardship of Treasure**

NOV. 27th	Source
\$6,832.00	Adult Collection
231.00	Loose Collection
98.00	Votive Candles
26.00	Maintenance
5.00	Solemnity of Mary
138.00	Catholic Charities
5.00	All Saints
35.00	Christmas
3.00	Religious Retirement
165.00	Greenlawn Cemetery
10.00	Immac. Conception
575.00	Christmas memorials
30.00	Thanksgiving
41.00	Twin Parish in Jamacia



**Remember the deceased of your family.  
Memorials now being accepted for the  
Christmas Season.**

Please use your "Christmas Flower/Decoration Memorials" envelope or complete this form and return it with your donation, in the collection basket or submit it to the office.

Thank you!

Please mark envelope "CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS"  
(a \$10 donation is suggested)

**In loving memory of:**

**In loving memory of:**

**REQUESTED BY:**

**PHONE #**

**Please return form by Sun., Dec.11th**

**Please** ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.

### **INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS**

Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest of that period, he looked forward to a kingdom so wonderful that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. (As you listen to this reading, it helps to know that "Jesse" is the name of David's father.)

#### **Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

In the early days of the Church, some Jewish converts to Christianity continued to practice their Jewish traditions. Many of them were members of the Church in Rome, along with others who were Gentiles. They sometimes found it hard to get along. As Paul nears the end of his letter to them, he encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common -what we have called the "Old Testament."

**Next Weeks Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 and James 5:7-10**

## **Altoona Community Band**

# **Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 18th - 3:00 PM**

**St. Mary Church**

**Social to follow in Social Hall**

*Sounds  
of The  
Season*



**FREE ADMISSION**

Back by popular demand and in conjunction with our Nativity Festival, the Altoona Community Band will present a free concert showcasing their (and perhaps your) favorite Christmas music both religious and secular, including a new arrangement from a St. Michael parishioner.

The band is comprised of 45 musicians (15 to 85 year olds) from the Blair county area including many parishioners from St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes.

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**This Sunday, December 4th**

*Holy Trinity Catholic School*



**HOLY TRINITY MIDDLE  
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**5516 Roselawn Ave. Altoona, PA**

OVER 30 LOCAL CRAFT VENDORS-FOOD TRUCKS  
BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
SECRET SANTA SHOP  
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CHRISTMAS-THEMED PAINT PARTY  
AND A PHOTO OP WITH ST. NICK HIMSELF!

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