



MASS INTENTIONS
FOR
THE WEEK



AS WE AWAIT NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH, LET US MAKE CLEAR THE WAY OF THE LORD BY BEING SERVANTS OF JUSTICE, TRUTH AND PEACE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 PM Louis & Mary Bonazza and Son, Louis Jr. +
req. by Andy and Rose Ann Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:00 AM Lois Gaido +
req. by Ed and Nancy Gregory

11:00 AM PARISHIONERS

4:00 PM **Vesper Service**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 AM Mary and Peter Reboich +
req. by Katherine Mruk and Children

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 (St. Nicholas, bishop)

10:00 AM Helen Kobrish +
req. by Gerry Checonsky

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 (St. Ambrose, bishop)

6:00 PM Aloysius Moze +
Vigil req. by Dominick Calabro Jr. & Family

7:00-8:00 PM Confessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 (Immaculate Conception)

7:30 AM Thomas Daley +
req. by Laurence & Rose Vallone

6:00 PM Georges Montillet Sr.
req. by the Montillet Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 (St. Juan Diego)

10:00 AM Betty Shannon (Anniv.) +
req. by John P. Thomas Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

2:30 PM WEDDING:
Alan Martin and Stephanie Bernhard

5:00 PM J. Robert Sawchuck (Birth.) +
req. by Wife and Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

8:00 AM Holy Name Society
req. by Members

11:00 AM Bill and Judy Larkin
req. by Angela Palmer

4:00 PM **Vesper Service**

Advent Reflection -

Today, we light the second candle of the Advent wreath. With this candle we pray that the light of Christ will shine through us to everyone we meet.

TODAY'S LITURGY

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Mass Schedule and Confession

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and a holy day of obligation. Masses in our parish for the holy day are as follows:

Wed., December 7th, 6:00 pm Vigil Mass, followed by Confessions from **7:00-8:00 pm**.

Thurs., December 8th, 7:30 am Mass and **6:00 pm** Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A Youth Group Meeting will be held this evening, **December 4th** from 6:00-8:00 pm, and next Sunday, **December 11th** in the basement of the CCD Activities Center. All young people in grades 9-12 are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD will meet in the CCD Center on **Tuesday, December 6th** for an Adult Covered Dish Dinner beginning at **6:00 pm**. Members are reminded to take \$2.00 for the crib. The Program for the evening will be a Christmas Sing-Along. Chairladies for this meeting are **Janet Pecharka** and **Kathy Setto**.

HOLY NAME SUNDAY - Next Sunday, **December 11th** is Holy Name Sunday. Members will gather to attend the 8:00 am mass. Following mass, a meeting will be held in the Church Hall.



FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, **December 10-11th** is the monthly food collection for Community Circle Food Pantry. Items which are non-perishable may be brought to mass and placed in the marked boxes at the church exits. The food collection is sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

HOMEMADE FUDGE will be on sale after all masses next weekend, **December 10-11th**. Several kinds will be available. Proceeds benefit the Pro-Life Group.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for Altar Flowers to memorialize your loved ones are now being accepted. For your convenience, special marked envelopes are located in the church bookrack. Mark the name(s) on the envelope, include your donation, and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory. All donations go toward adorning our altar with seasonal flowers for Christmas.

HOLIDAY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wed.,	Dec. 7	-	7:00 pm	-	8:00 pm
Sat.,	Dec. 17	-	4:00 pm	-	4:45 pm
Mon.,	Dec. 19	-	11:00 am	-	12:00 noon
Wed.,	Dec. 21	-	6:30 pm	-	8:30 pm
Thurs.,	Dec. 22	-	10:30 am	-	12:00 noon
Fri.,	Dec. 23	-	10:30 am	-	12:00 noon

RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Classes will begin on **Thursday, January 5, 2012** at **7:00 pm** in the rectory basement. Please call the church office to register.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Workshop

St. Hilary Parish, 320 Henderson Ave., Washington, PA will present **two** Workshops on "*Protecting God's Children*" on the following days: **Saturday, January 7th** at **9:30 am** and **Wednesday, January 18th** at 6:30 pm. The Workshops will be held in Fr. Zapora Hall which is handicapped accessible. Call the parish office (724) 222-4087 to register.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington, DC

Reservations will be accepted beginning in December for the March for Life bus trip to Washington, DC on **Monday, January 24, 2012**. Two buses will depart from our parish to take part in the March on the Capitol. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. More details will follow in future bulletins.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 4 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Rectory
- Dec. 4 - CCD Classes in session
- Dec. 4 - Vesper Service 4:00 pm
- Dec. 4 - Youth Group meets 6:00 pm
- Dec. 7 - Vigil Mass 6:00 pm (Confessions 7-8:00 pm)
- Dec. 7 - Cath. Men's Group 6:30 pm Rectory
- Dec. 7 - Legion of Mary 6:45-8:15pm Church Hall
- Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day
- Dec.11 - CCD Classes in session
- Dec.11 - Holy Name meets following 8:00 am mass
- Dec.11 - Food Collection Sunday
- Dec.11 - Fudge Sale after all masses
- Dec.11 - Vesper Service 4:00 pm
- Dec.11 - Youth Group meets 6:00 pm

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Sun., Nov. 20, 2011	\$ 4,445.00
Sun., Nov. 27, 2011	\$ 4,336.36
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 2,186.00
Thanksgiving Coll.	\$ 743.00