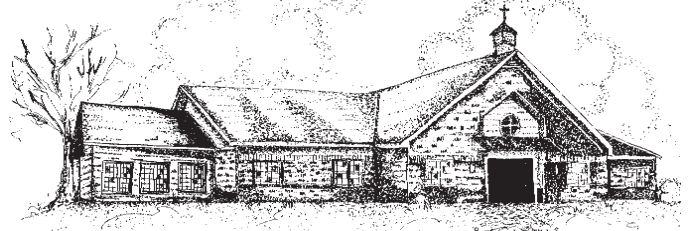


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Saturday from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
or by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

First Monday at 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
First Friday at 8:00 a.m.

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**Mass
Intentions**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, 12/8
Sunday, 12/9

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday, 12/15

Sunday, 12/16

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Parish Family

Roy Bailey by Family

Helen & William Mooney by Regina Pasini

Parish Family

Fr. J. L. Reichert by Pat Lanker & Martha Barnhart

Jack McKenzie by Fr. J. L. Reichert

Fr. J. L. Reichert by Ray & Rose Marie Bott

Ralph Downey by Fr. J. L. Reichert

No Mass

Bonnie Weiner by Family

Parish Family

Mary Jo Harriman by Bill & Margie Andrews

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 9th – Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 10th – Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11th – Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12th – Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday, December 13th – Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 14th – Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15th – Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 16th – Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

DECEMBER 9, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

*Chris Smith, Eileen Baesmann

Dawn Bass, Need Volunteers

Vale Pelletier, Dave Bogner

Jolene Bogner

Rick Bass, Merle Smith

Betsy Jesenko

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

*Mark Holland, Crystal Kapavik

Donna Kashuk, Michael Robbins

Adele Robbins, Linda Aitken

A. Holland, S. BeVier, A. Conigy

Bubby & Roberta Eichner

Carol Bucher

Sunday 11 a.m.

*Melissa Collard Sally Blubaugh

Lisa Preston, Need Volunteer

Mike Dunfee, Barb VanHoose

Anna Preston, Marcus Ryan

Keith, Olivia, & Anna Ryan

Guitar Group

DECEMBER 16, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

*Dawn Bass, Kathleen Locker

Jared Lahmon, Need Volunteers

Aaron Locker, Amy Lahmon

Bryce Writesel

Rick Bass, Jan Orkis

Betsy Jesenko

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

*Terri Shank, Tom Staneart

Dan Townsend, Susan Welch

Ali Staneart, Regina Pasini

C & O Shank, B & N Staneart

Tim & Jennifer Williams

Andrea Holland

Sunday 11 a.m.

*Joe & Diane Green

Mike & Corinna Rush

Isaac Rush, Isaiah Rush

Art Urban, Alex Rush, Matthew Cherry

Richard Cherry, Janet McKenzie

Greg Chester

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**

Lectors:

Servers:

Greeters:

Cantors:

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There is a box in the gathering space if you would like to donate an unwrapped toy, clothing or game for the **American Legion Gifts for Kids**. Please drop your donations in the box by Monday, December 10th.

GIVE A MEANINGFUL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS - DONATE BLOOD - Mark your calendar now for the next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE that will take place Monday, December 17, 2017 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Please make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org, sponsor code ProlifeJohns. Walk-ins are also welcome.

TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM - In the spirit of the season, The Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby items for unwed mothers and crisis pregnancy service centers. Donations may be placed under our "tree of life" in the gathering space and will be delivered to Heartbeats of Licking County before Christmas. Thanks for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.

Our parish will once again sponsor a **JESSE TREE** in the gathering space. Hats, scarves, gloves and mittens can be put **ON** the tree; baby items go **UNDER** the tree. The items on the tree are going to the Salvation Army shelter for homeless families in Newark. All items will be collected through December 19 and forwarded to the shelter.

Women of Ascension will have their annual cookie exchange meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. Join us for some yummy cookies!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Our prayers this week are asked for Jerry Cope & Family, Janet Flood, Sutton Parish, Jean Giannini, Kenneth Speert, Bridgette Wells, Helen Tomich, Daniel Chapman, Pam Boesch & Family, Donna Dellapina, Sylvia Freed, Neva Stover, Jack & Lucy Walsh and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our **2019 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now **available** for pickup in the east hallway across from the restrooms. Please note that you may or may not have the same number as last year, so please double-check your name before taking them. If there is not a set with your name on them, please see the sheet at the table for instructions.

Many thanks for all the cards, calls and visits and especially to Fr. Mark for all the visits during Neva's surgery and recovery. It meant a lot to us. -John & Neva Stover

SURVEY FOR PREFERENCE OF SATURDAY MASS TIME: We have put together a survey and ask that all those who attend the Saturday evening Mass, or would possibly attend if it were at an earlier time, to please fill it out and return it in the collection basket or to the box in the gathering space by December 16, 2018. If you never attend the Saturday evening Mass, you do not need to fill out a survey.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - We will once again be decorating the altar with poinsettias in celebration of the birth of Christ. If you would care to have the name of a loved one or a special intention listed in the Christmas bulletin, please indicate it on the envelope. Please include a contribution of \$10, and drop your envelope in the collection basket.

Father Mark and the Adult Faith Formation Committee have purchased very nice **Advent booklets** for parishioners. Each day of Advent is covered with a reference to the daily readings, a reflection, a daily practice, and a prayer. Please take **ONE PER FAMILY**. They are in the Gathering Space.

OUR ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE will take place on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

ADVENT REFLECTION ON FAITH & FORGIVENESS

Even if you missed the first night on December 5th, you are still welcome to join us. Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord, yet many of His disciples feel anxiety or stress this time of year. Father Mark wants to lead you on a journey to discovering how to better incorporate faith and forgiveness into your life. Please join us on December 19 to watch a 25-30 minute video on forgiveness, and then Father Mark will lead us in a short discussion.

Nativity Play for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. Carols will begin at 4:00 p.m. and Mass will begin at 4:30 p.m. The practice schedule is as follows: Sunday, December 9th, 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 16th, 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 23rd, 4:00 p.m. (DRESS REHEARSAL).

There will be a brief training session for all current and new **Lectors on Sunday, December 9th at 9:45 a.m.** between the Sunday Masses. If you couldn't attend the Eucharistic Minister training session last weekend or can't attend the Lector training, please call the office and Fr. Ghiloni will set up another time to meet with you. Thanks to all of you who give of yourselves in these ministries.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS are still available in the closet in the east hallway. If you are a Lector, please pick one up for your reference.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES are available in the Literature Rack.

YOUTH GROUP will meet December 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and December 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Visit ascensionyouth.weebly.com to see when Youth Group will meet.

Many thanks to our **YOUTH GROUP** for taking their time to switch covers for the new missals last weekend.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD - WEEKLY NEED \$5,233.00

November 24/25, 2018

468 Registered Families - Total Offering - \$4,702.00

Offering from 108 Sunday envelopes - \$4,299.00

Loose Cash - \$403.00

CHD - \$31.00

Christmas Flowers - \$496.00

World Mission Sunday - \$30.00

Do you return a portion of your time / skills / possessions to God in a spirit of gratitude?

Your gift for today's collection for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!