

# Church of the Ascension

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**RECONCILIATION:**

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.

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

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## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/22	5:30 p.m.	Bernard & Dorothy Bonner by the Smith Family
Sunday, 12/23	8:30 a.m.	Sandra Kelly by Bill Kelly
	11:00 a.m.	Parish Family
CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24	4:00 p.m.	Carols
	4:30 p.m.	Beverly Meholick by the Meholick Family
	9:30 p.m.	Carols
	10:00 p.m.	Fr. J. L. Reichert by the Benton Family
CHRISTMAS DAY, 12/25	10:00 a.m.	Joe & Bonnie Weiner by the Family
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Augusto Belli III by Mom
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	William C. Fleig by Fr. J. L. Reichert
Friday		No Mass
Saturday, 12/29	5:30 p.m.	Al Curran Sr. by Joyce Curran
Sunday, 12/30	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	11:00 a.m.	Rick Harriman by Bill & Margie Andrews

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23rd – Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45  
 Monday, December 24th – Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17,22-25 / Mt 1:1-23  
 Tuesday, December 25th – Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday, December 26th – Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22  
 Thursday, December 27th – 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Friday, December 28th – 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18  
 Saturday, December 29th – 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35  
 Sunday, December 30th – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:41-52 / 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

### DECEMBER 23, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> *Chris Smith, Eileen Baesmann, Virginia Ankrom, Dawn Bass	*Bubby & Roberta Eichner, Donna Kashuk, Daryl Wernette	*Sally Blubaugh, Laura Sammons, Danielle Wetzell, Need Volunteer
<b>Lectors:</b> Dave Bogner, Dennis Murnane	Mark Holland, Amelianna Conigy	Mike Dunfee, Barb VanHoose
<b>Servers:</b> Jolene Bogner	B. & R. Sheehan, I. Burnham	Matt & Megan King
<b>Greeters:</b> Rick Bass, Merle Smith	Rodney & Cindy Tornes	Emily Sammons, Bryant Turner
<b>Cantors:</b> Andrea Holland	Joe Lindsay	Guitar Group

### DECEMBER 30, 2018 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

<b>Saturday 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> *Chris Smith, Jared Lahmon, Mike Haefs, Need Volunteers	*Daniel Townsend, Susan Welch, Brenda Murdock, Mark Holland	*Lisa Preston, Joe Green, Diane Green, Corinna Rush
<b>Lectors:</b> Dave Bogner, Amy Lahmon	Warren Butt, Kelley Krstich	Mike Rush, Alyssa Beverick
<b>Servers:</b> Jolene Bogner	M. & M. Krstich, A. Holland	C. & T. Beverick, A. Preston
<b>Greeters:</b> Merle Smith, Jan Orkis	Mike & Crystal Kapavik	Richard Cherry, Kathy Stafford
<b>Cantors:</b> Valerie Tanner	Valerie Tanner	Valerie Tanner

**THE RESULTS ARE IN!**

With a pretty significant lead, the surveys indicated that 4:00 p.m. is the most desirable of the choices. Fr. Ghiloni will be meeting with Parish Council in January to decide when the change will take place.

**Many thanks** to the Crouse-Kauber-Fraley Funeral Home for their generous donation of our 2019 Calendars.

Many thanks to all who gave blood last week at **our RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

God bless you once again for your overwhelming support and generosity to the **TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM** with donations of baby items to **Heartbeats** and the donations of hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to the **JESSE TREE**. Your kindness will allow many others to have a blessed Christmas season.

**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 GIFTS TO GOD – WEEKLY NEED \$5,233.00****December 8/9, 2018**

468 Registered Families – Total Offering – \$9,223.50  
 Offering from 126 Sunday envelopes – \$8,822.00  
 Loose Cash – \$401.50 Christmas Flowers – \$150.00  
 C & EE – \$25.00 Religious Retirement – \$436.00  
 Immaculate Conception – \$55.00

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

Thank you for your generous donations to the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** which will help provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

**Christmas Catholic Charities Collection:** This annual collection allows the Diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through Diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

Visit the **YOUTH GROUP** website at [ascensionyouth@weebly.com](mailto:ascensionyouth@weebly.com) to see meeting times.

If you would like to purchase a **"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet** for \$5 each, they will be available after each of the Sunday Masses or call Pete Kashuk at 740-967-3388.

**GOOD NEWS AT CHRISTMAS**

For many children and some adults, the good news at Christmas is receiving gifts. For many, the good news at Christmas is families gathering together. For those in war torn areas of the world, the good news at Christmas is a possible cease-fire for a few hours. For those who are alone, the good news at Christmas could be someone reaching out to them, remembering them.

These are all examples of good news but the real Good News is that Almighty God has reached out to us in becoming one with us in His son, Jesus. The Word, through which the world was made, has become Flesh and now dwells among us. May you all have a very blessed Christmas!

Fr. Mark Ghiloni

Our church is beautifully decorated for the celebration of Christ's birth by donations from parishioners for poinsettias in honor of loved ones. Thank you to all who contributed for the flowers for Christmas.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018**

Christmas Carols, Nativity Play and

Mass beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

Christmas Carols beginning at **9:30 p.m.** and

Mass at **10:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

Mass at **10:00 a.m.**

**New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018**

Vigil Mass at **7:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

Mass at **10:00 a.m.**

Please take a moment this weekend to thank our organist, **Ron Casteel**, who so graciously agreed to be our interim organist until we were able to work things out for the position. We truly appreciate **Ron, Joe Lindsay, Andrea Holland and Jim Stafford** for stepping up and making sure our program continued to make beautiful music during this transition stage. We are excited to welcome **Valerie Tanner** as our new Director of Music beginning next weekend.

**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. We have one more practice this Sunday, December 23rd, 4:00 p.m. (DRESS REHEARSAL).

We are still in need of volunteers for some **Ministries for the Christmas Season**. Sign-up Sheets are in the hallway. **NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES** are available in the Literature Rack.

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

Our **2019 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** are 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.