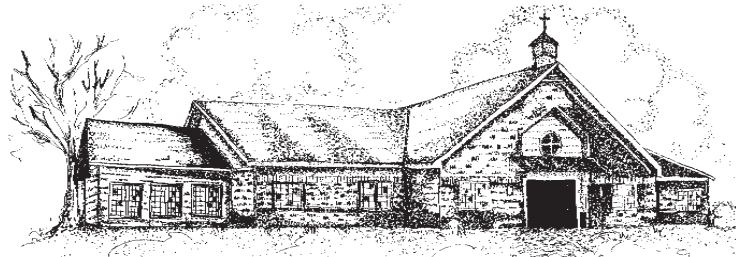


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Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/23	5:30 p.m.	Parish Family
CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24	8:30 a.m.	Iona & O.D. Townsend by Karen Townsend Grashel
	4:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Reichert Family by the Pieramico Family
	10:00 p.m.	Bob Davis by the Davis Family
CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25	10:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Downey by her Daughter
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Ronald Atwood – Pactum Marianum
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Iona Townsend by Karen Townsend Grashel
Friday		No Mass
Saturday 12/30	5:30 p.m.	Laurence & Edna Lafferty by the Davis Family
Sunday 12/31	8:30 a.m.	Chase Nichols by Dave & Sharon Rhodeback
	11:00 a.m.	Parish Family
NEW YEAR'S DAY	10:00 a.m.	Ralph Downey by his daughter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 24th – 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday, December 25th – Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
Tuesday, December 26th – Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday, December 27th – 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
Thursday, December 28th – 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Friday, December 29th – 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday, December 30th – 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Sunday, December 31st – Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6,21:1-3/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

DECEMBER 24, 2017 – CHRISTMAS EVE – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS

DECEMBER 31, 2017 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Eucharistic Ministers:	Saturday, 5:30 p.m. *Dawn Bass, Virginia Ankrom, NEED VOLUNTEERS	Sunday, 8:30 a.m. *Tom Stanearth, Donna Kashuk, Daniel Townsend, Susan Welch	Sunday, 1100 a.m. *Lisa Preston, Melissa Collard, Danielle Wetzell, Ann Mullins
Lectors:	Janet Flood, Christie Weiner	Ali Stanearth, Regina Pasini	Mike Dunfee, Debbie McNichols
Servers:	Sandro & Eileen Hudson	Sophia BeVier, Billy Stanearth	Matt & Megan King, Marcus Ryan, Anna Preston
Greeters:	Rick Bass, Jan Orkis	Mike & Crystal Kapavik	Keith, Anna & Olivia Ryan
Cantors:	Betsy Jesenko	Joe Lindsay	Greg Chester

Our 2018 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.

Thank You.

Special thanks to the **Crouse, Kauber, Fraley Funeral Home** for providing the 2018 Calendars for our parish. The calendars are located by the envelopes.

Many thanks to all those who contributed for the flowers for Christmas to beautifully decorate our church for the celebration of Christ's birth.

God bless all who made donations for the Knights of Columbus **Coat Drive** and the baby items for the **TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM** and to those who helped to decorate the tree with all the hats, gloves and scarves to help the needy! Thanks for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations to the **Diocesan Charities Collection**. This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations.

A plethora of thanks to all who **GAVE THE GIFT OF LIFE** this Christmas at the **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!**

Thank you for your recent generosity to the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS FEELING BETTER AND CAN BE REMOVED FROM THIS LIST,



please call the parish office at 967-7871 or email Kathy at ascensionjohnstown@gmail.com. Our prayers this week are asked for: Jared Lahmon, Mickey McCormick, Jackson Wainscott, Eugene DeVuno, Jeanne Fieldmerier, Fr. Reichert, Chase

Dolbeer, Parks Family, Laurie Kingery, Edward Bailey, Carol Cope, Beverly Curran, Robert Muench, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Briar Rupe, Carolyn Shore, Derrick Wells, MaryLou Shremshock, Kim Bane, Lucy Walsh, Claude Peterman, Ron Gallo, Reagan Pecz, Jared Writesel, Brionna Furry, Jim Hall, Peggy Hall, Daniel Chapman, Rodger Johnson, Lucy Heller, Christie Weiner, Jacob Lemen, Benjamin Grosik, Nikki Scott, Jordan Arnold, Tom Ashbrook, Mary Jane Thompson, Jean Giannini, Chuck Prestarri, Randy Martin, Bonnie Weiner, A. J. Ross, Betty Disbennett, Nick Gallo, Dolores Hoovler, Frank Fiamingo, Dan Green, Jack Walsh, Jim Wahl, Margie Bemiller, Bob Meholick, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Due to early bulletin deadlines for the holidays, **OUR GIFTS TO GOD** will appear in later bulletins.

The **Worship Committee** could use some adult help with decorating for Christmas Eve, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 24. Many hands make light work!

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. CODY

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent – for only 24 hours! The bulletin gives the times for weekend Masses. See schedule below. Please take note that there are two Mass obligations: Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. are Masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Masses are on Sunday evening (Christmas Eve) and Christmas morning. Sorry, but you can't do a "two for one!"



If all goes well, Fr. Reichert will be joining us for the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 p.m. He's really looking forward to it and we will be anxious to see him.

This year's celebration of Christmas comes at a time when there is much tension and violence in our world. Yes, many of us are doing very well. But we are also bothered by the divisions that exist in our American Society.

More than ever before, we need to take to heart once again the life, message and teachings of the one whose birth we celebrate on Christmas: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Because of His Incarnation, all human beings have been sanctified! When God, the Father looks upon us, He sees the human nature of His divine Son, Jesus – truly God, truly human. Jesus is all the proof we should ever need that God loves and cares for us!

Let's welcome Jesus in a new and renewed way on Christmas, so that all can continue to live His life, and renew our efforts to serve God and one another with generosity and love.

In the name of Fr. Reichert, Fr. Dean, Deacon Bill, Deacon Bob, all the members of the staff here at Ascension Parish as well as in my own name, may all have a happy, a blessed and a Merry Christmas!

With blessings and best wishes,
Msgr. John K. Cody, Parish Administrator



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23, 2017 – Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2017

Mass at **8:30 a.m.**

There will be **NO 11:00 a.m. Mass**

Christmas Carols, Nativity Play and Mass beginning at **4:30 p.m.**

Christmas Carols beginning at **9:30 p.m.** and Mass at **10:00 p.m.**

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017

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

Saturday, December 30, 2017 – Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – Mass at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Day, January 1, 2018 – Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Please check the sheets in the hallway to see if we are still in need of volunteers for all **Ministries for the Christmas Season**.

PLEASE NOTE: Each weekend, Msgr. Cody will be hearing **CONFESSIONS** before the Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 p.m., as well as after Mass. He will also be hearing Confessions at 10:30 a.m. before the 11:00 a.m. Mass.