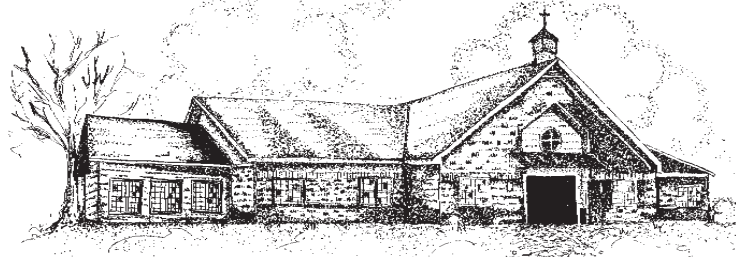


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**Mass
Intentions**

Saturday, 12/30
 Sunday, 12/31

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

Saturday, 1/6
 Sunday, 1/7

5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Laurence & Edna Lafferty by the Davis Family

Chase Nichols by Dave & Sharon Rhodeback

Parish Family

Ralph Downey by his daughter

Marge Hottinger & Susie Feusner by Bill & Karen Hottinger
 No Mass

Evelyn Nikolaus by Bill & Karen Hottinger

No Mass

Jay Kubin & Gloria Cesar by Bill & Karen Hottinger

Paul Huck by the Bailey Family

Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, January 1st – Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2nd – 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3rd – 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4th – 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5th – 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6th – 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11

Sunday, January 7th – Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

*Dawn Bass, Virginia Ankrom,
NEED VOLUNTEERS

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**

Lectors: Janet Flood, Christie Weiner

Servers: Sandro & Eileen Hudson

Greeters: Rick Bass, Jan Orkis

Cantors: Betsy Jesenko

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

*Tom Staneart, Donna Kashuk,
 Daniel Townsend, Susan Welch

Ali Staneart, Regina Pasini

Sophia BeVier, Billy Staneart

Mike & Crystal Kapavik

Joe Lindsay

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

*Lisa Preston, Melissa Collard,
 Danielle Wetzal, Ann Mullins

Mike Dunfee, Debbie McNichols

Matt & Megan King, Marcus Ryan,
 Anna Preston

Keith, Anna & Olivia Ryan

Greg Chester

JANUARY 7, 2018 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

*Chris Smith, Dawn Bass,
NEED VOLUNTEERS

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**

Lectors: Dave & Jolene Bogner

Servers: Bryce Writesel, Kate Ruffle

Greeters: Merle Smith, Rick Bass

Cantors: To be announced

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

*Lou & Donna Dellapina,
 Daryl Wernette, Mark Holland

Warren Butt, Kelley Krstich

Molley & Matthew Krstich, A. Holland

Ray & Rockie Hetterscheidt

To be announced

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

*Joe & Diane Green,
 Mike & Corinna Rush

Barb VanHoose, Richard Cherry

Abby, Emily & Marko, Jr. Jesenko,
 Matthew Cherry

Mike & Lori Dunfee

To be announced



A plethora of thanks for the many cards and gifts we have received this blessed holiday season and, most especially, your love and support during the past year. Your kindness and consideration are greatly appreciated. May your new year be filled with blessings, happiness, health and peace. God bless you!

Msgr. Cody, Fr. Reichert, Fr. Dean,
Deacon Bill, Deacon Bob and the Parish Staff

Special thanks to Micalah and Kristen Treadway, Patrick Mernagh and all those who helped to make the **Children's Nativity Play** such a wonderful success once again.

The Knights of Columbus would like to say thank you and God bless you for your generous donations of baby items for the **TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM** and your incredible donations of coats for the **COATS FOR KIDS** drive. Also, Thank you for your generous donations of hats, scarves, gloves and mittens on the **JESSE TREE** that will be given to the Salvation Army to be distributed at area shelters.

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.

Thank you 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.

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 e-mail 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.

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

December 16/17, 2017

468 Registered Families - Total Offering - \$4,362.75

Offering from Sunday envelopes - \$3,928.00 Loose Cash - \$434.75

Religious Retirement - \$58.00 Christmas Flowers - \$20.00

Many contribute generously.

We all need to share the burden of parish support.

May God bless your sacrifice for Him!

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. CODY

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Masses are at the regular times.

For New Year's Day, January 1, 2018, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the only Mass scheduled is at 10:00 a.m. Because this Holy Day occurs on a Monday, the obligation to participate at Mass is dispensed. However, those wishing to celebrate this important Marian Solemnity are cordially invited to attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

The Feast of the Holy Family is a yearly reminder of how important our families are. As people, we naturally form "family" not only with our parents, siblings children and relatives, but we also have extended families in which we are valued and nurtured, and to whom we also contribute to their nurturing and development. In summary, we need each other! Families are communities of love and acceptance. They provide us with security and meaning for our lives. How sad when families are split apart for any reason; people don't speak to one another, and alienation, not community results. Hurts go deep. The antidote? Reconciliation! Throughout the Gospels, Jesus always encourages us to be at peace with one another, and to forgive each other sincerely from the depth of our hearts. Who can heal our divisions and break down our barriers? Jesus can! Perhaps this New Year will be the time we take the initiative to reach out to those in our families who have hurt us, or we have hurt, intentionally or unintentionally. Life is too short to put this off. Ask Jesus for the grace to reconcile and to be reconciled with one another. Then thank God for bringing you back together!

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates one of the four dogmas that our Church holds regarding Mary: that she is not only the mother of the human nature of Christ, but she is also the Mother of God! Although the divine and human natures of Jesus are distinct, they exist in one divine person, Our Lord Jesus. Ask Mary, Mother of God, to intercede with her son, Jesus, so we can have the grace to be better people, better disciples of Jesus in this New Year, 2018. Happy New Year!

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

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.

ATTENTION, THOSE WHO ATTEND DAILY MASS -

With the weather turning colder and the snow flying, please be sure to listen to the school closings on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before heading to Mass. If Johnstown Monroe schools are closed, there will be NO morning Mass that day. If they are on a one or two hour delay, Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., as usual.

Our **2018 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** are **now available** for pick-up 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.