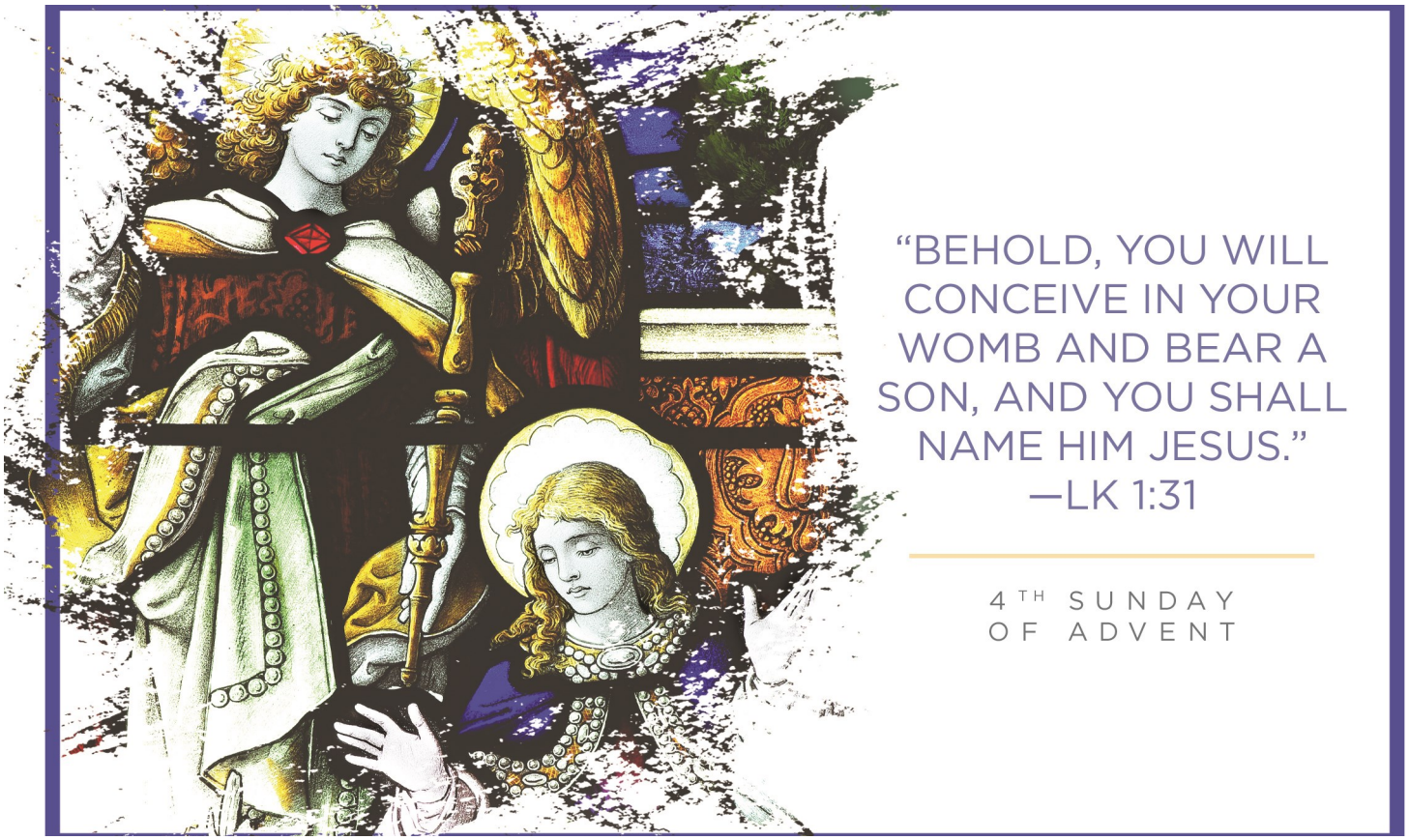
Sunday, December 20, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)

SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH

We are the caring, healing, vibrant Catholic Eucharistic faith communities, who celebrate and promote the Divine Mercy of God through prayer and service.



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1340 Jefferson Rd,
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
St. Ann - 4:00 pm
St. Hugh - 6:00 pm

Sunday
St. Ann - 8:30 am
St. Hugh - 9:30 am
St. Marcellus - 10:30 am
St. Ignatius - 11:30 am

County website access: www.stmatthiasgreene.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions:
will be held on Saturdays beginning May 30th, by the following schedule:
St. Ann - 10:00 to 10:30 am,
St. Hugh - 11:00 to 11:30 am,
St. Marcellus - 1:00 to 1:30 pm,
St. Ignatius - 1:00 to 1:30 pm.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a practicing Catholic and attend a pre-baptism class. A Godparent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, age 16 or older.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Participation in marriage program is required.

Anointing of the Sick | Sick Calls

Please notify your home parish for visits of Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and those confined to hospital.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns In Loving Remembrance or for the Special Intention of:

December 20 thru January 2, 2021

Steve & Erma Yurkovich
(Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
by Daughter, Carol and Family
(at St. Hugh)

Diocese of Pittsburgh

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office:
412-456-3093
Diocesan Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235
PA ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

GOOD NEIGHBOR LUNCHES
will be served by TAKE-OUT only!
On Mondays, Thursday & Saturdays — 11:30 am to 12:15 pm
at St. Ann, Waynesburg.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
Fridays following 9:00 am Mass at St. Hugh (9:30 to 10:30 am)
until further notice.

CCD SCHEDULES

⇒ **Sunday, December 20 - 9:30 am - St. Ann NO ONSITE CCD.**

⇒ **Sunday, December 20 - 10:00 am - St. Ignatius NO ONSITE CCD.**

⇒ **Sunday, December 20 - 10:15 am - St. Hugh NO ONSITE CCD.**

⇒ **Monday, December 21 - 4:30 pm - St. Hugh NO ONSITE CCD.**

CCD Christmas Vacation

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST CCD INFORMATION at stmatthiasgreene.org/Religious Education, choose your worship site to discover when CCD classes resume in the New Year.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
St. Ann and St. Hugh Offices will be closed
December 24, 2020, through January 3, 2021.
In case of emergency anointing of the sick or death please call Fr. Al or Fr. Francis at 724-627-7568.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your support is vital to the life of the parish..
All contribution envelopes may be mailed
St. Matthias Parish,
c/o St. Ann Parish Office Center,
232 E. High St., Waynesburg, PA 15370.

MASS INTENTIONS

All WORSHIP SITES & MASSES NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Following all state and diocesan Covid-19 precautions and social distancing guidelines.
During this time there is no obligation for you to come to Mass. Below is the onsite Mass Schedule for the week.

SATURDAY, December 19 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm	St. Ann	Thomas Wang by Elizabeth Wang
6:00 pm	St. Hugh	Anita Dukate by Sister, Esther Kovach

SUNDAY, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	St. Ann	Rex Stoll by Mike and Kim Cardella
9:30 am	St. Hugh	Pappy "Pinky" Clarchick (Anniv.) by Grandchildren, Rachael, Patrick, Stephanie and Heather
10:30 am	St. Marcellus	Brent Mattish by Mom, Chuck, Chas and Anna
11:30 am	St. Ignatius	Joe and Anna Burich by Daughter, Chris and Family

MONDAY, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am	St. Ann	For the Unborn by the Knights of Columbus
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Josephine Kozlowski by Family
9:00 am	St. Ignatius	Emil Martin by Helen Kocerka Family

TUESDAY, December 22 - Weekday of Advent

8:00 am	St. Ann	Elmer and Anthony Ames by the Ames Family
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Becky Nickler by Leone Block
9:00 am	St. Marcellus	Frances Stutts by Joseph Dusha

WEDNESDAY, December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 am	St. Ann	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Thomas and Mary Sieradzki (Anniv.) by Granddaughters

THURSDAY, December 24 - Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

*12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at St. Ann & St. Hugh - Visit the Creche with distribution of the Eucharist (Communion)

2:00 pm	St. Ann	For the Children of St. Matthias Parish
2:00 pm	St. Hugh	For the Children of St. Matthias Parish
2:00 pm	St. Marcellus	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
4:00 pm	St. Hugh	For The People of St. Matthias Parish
4:00 pm	St. Ignatius	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
8:00 pm	St. Ann	For all Living and Deceased of St. Matthias Parish
8:00 pm	St. Hugh	For all Living and Deceased of St. Matthias Parish

FRIDAY, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

9:30 am	St. Hugh	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
10:00 am	St. Ann	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
10:00 am	St. Marcellus	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
11:30 am	St. Ignatius	For the People of St. Matthias Parish

SATURDAY, December 26 - Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 pm	St. Ann	Health and Welfare of the Shumaker Family by Attilia Shumaker
6:00 pm	St. Hugh	Paige Shea by Staun and Hair Families

SUNDAY, December 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am	St. Ann	Sam and Edna Cario by Sam and Jan Cario
9:30 am	St. Hugh	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
10:30 am	St. Marcellus	Jason Kolat by Mom and Dad
11:30 am	St. Ignatius	Elissa Spiker-St. Clair - Love, Mom and Family

WORSHIP SITES: St. Ann, (Waynesburg); **St. Hugh** (Carmichaels); **St. Ignatius** (Bobtown); **St. Marcellus** (Jefferson)

The CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE is also on page 4 of this bulletin.

St. Hugh Worship site only - If there is overflow attendance at Masses due to COVID-19 restrictions you may **tune your radio to FM 87.9 to listen to Mass from the parking lot.**
To receive Communion: Enter the church at communion time using the main entrance, come forward in line to receive the Eucharist, exit via the side doors / if handicap, return to the main doors to use the ramp.

Christmas Eve - December 24

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm . . . Visit the Creche with distribution of Eucharist (Communion) at St. Ann and St. Hugh

2:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Ann
2:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Hugh
2:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Marcellus

4:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Hugh
4:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Ignatius

8:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Ann
8:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Hugh

Christmas Day - December 25

9:30 am . . . MASS at St. Hugh
10:00 am . . . MASS at St. Marcellus
10:00 am . . . MASS at St. Ann
11:30 am . . . MASS at St. Ignatius

All Covid-19 regulations will be followed during our Christmas Liturgies including wearing of masks and social distancing (every other pew seating). See the bottom of page 3 for overflow attendance at St. Hugh Worship Site Masses.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Fr. Al's Christmas Message…

Merry Christmas! May it be Merry and Bright with the light of Christ! Peace to all of you at a time when there seems to be more division than peace and many allow the darkness to prevail. But again we celebrate Christmas, Christ born into the world, becoming one like us in all things, becoming the hope of all.

Longfellow wrote a Christmas poem at the time of the Civil War: "*Christmas Bells*"

I Heard the bells of Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to all!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to all!

{Isn't it easy to stop here and read no more and say he is right?}

Then peeled the bells more loud and deep;
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep:
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to all.

This God entering our weakness to embrace our darkness has given us hope despite all the hate. So that even if our hearts are breaking and our tears falling, there is every reason to greet each other with

"Merry Christmas! Today is born our savior."

Peace, Fr. Al

December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord

Fr. Francis's Christmas Message…

The words Coronavirus, pandemic, and COVID, are words that best describe 2020. They illustrate hos far reaching the impact of something so small (a virus), that we cannot see with our eyes, is in our world. The result has been a wholesale change of life as we know it — the "new normal" as it is called.

Some two thousand years ago, an event changed the world forever. A small child was born in Bethlehem, who is both God and man. The birth of Christ brought the Son of God into our world to change it forever. He enabled us to become adopted children of God, taught us how to live as such, redeemed us from sin and death and calls us to eternal life with Him in His Kingdom. Something as small as a newborn, not only changed life as we know it, for a few months or so, but for all ages and forever more.

Therefore, we as Catholic Christians, have something to celebrate this and every Christmas Season. May we experience all the blessings the Lord envisioned for us by His coming. May you have the merriest of Christmases, especially during a temporary pandemic.

… Fr. Francis Frazer

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

Fr. Jim's Christmas Message…

Merry Christmas! People say that Christmas is only for children. Well, Jesus compelled us to become like children, and through Jesus we are adopted children of God, able to call God our Father. So, I suggest this year you be open to the glory of Christmas with a newfound appreciation that God loves you so much he become an infant child in order to bring you and us all salvation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

… Rev. James B. Farnan

St. Matthias Prayer Requests for 2020

Ester Adriano
Vickie Andria
Mildred Bair
Jeannie Barzanti
Kate Beale
Kim Belmont
Patty Bennett
John Bokin
Daniel Bradmon
Fr. Don Breier
Charles Brown
Judie Buday
Todd Burns
Bob Cerjanec
Charlene Chulick
Carol Clish
Jeanette Collar
Florence Commons
Mary Ann Cox
Andrew Cubic
JoAnne Dayton
Rosanne Defibaugh
Lexi DeHaas
Honey Desrosiers
Denise Dillow
Betty Dillinger
Bob Doman
Helene Dulaney
Dianne Dulick
Kathy Durr
Charles Elko
Raymond Frazer
Patricia Galloway
Barbara Gera
Alysia Ginsburg
Sheryl Giovanelli
Frances Goroncy
Mary C. Grove
Mary Grybos
Edna Guritza
Agnes Haiden
Jax Harris
Crystal Harvey
Darla Hayhurst
Mike Henry
Emily Hicks
Janice Howard
Donna Huffman
Patty Jones
Nancy Juracko
Lucy Kamauf
Bernadette Klamerus
Linda Klueber
Eddie Kocerka Jr.
Esther Kovach
John Kozlowski, Sr.
Janie Kowalewski
Paul Kurincak
Debbie Lippert
Frank Lippert
Shawn Lohr
Shirl Lohr
Walt Lohr
Kathy Lorenzi
David Ludrosky
Janet Maddich
Mel Markulik
Rudy Marisa
Mary Matis
Nikki & Matt Matovich
Elizabeth Matyus
Leslie Matyus
Gary Meese
Carl Miller
Mary McKean
Marcia Morris
Linda Mosier
Michael Mulholland Jr.
Marian Nopwasky
Gertrude Opolinsky
Desetta Palmer
Donna Parish
Mary Pascuzzo
Suzanne Pascuzzo
Brad Pitcock
Julia Plasko
Phyllis Rhodes
Candy Riggi
Frank Roth
Pat Roth
Caroline Roupe
Donald Roupe
Jean Scott
Deacon Jim Sheil
Paul Sielski
Andy Simkovic
Colby Simkovic
Patricia Simkovic
Michelle Sroka
Justin Stephenson
Jimmy Straight
David C. Stuvek Sr.
Nancy and Tom Tanney
Susan Teagarden
Marlee Ann Thomas
Brittney Trich
Fr. Daniel Valentine
Helen Wesolowsky
Christopher Watson
Gina White
Jim White
Natalie Whitlatch
Jonella Williamson
Jackie Wlazlowski
Grace Elizabeth Wolfe
Cathy Ziefel

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need. We also remember all those in personal care/nursing homes.

Pray for those in the Military

Mychael Barzanti, (US Air Force, Guam); Joshua Boyle, SSGT (US Army, Fort Knox, KY); Jessica Breuer (US Air Force, Korea), Andrew Buchtan, (US Army Specialist, Houston, TX) Sam Cuss, (US Navy Petty Officer Third Class, Oceania, VA); Warren Dickerson (US Navy, Norfolk, VA); Wendy Dickerson (US Navy, Norfolk, VA); Petty Officer 1st Class Elizabeth Fedora Gillum (Andrews Air Force Base); Capt. Aaron Lazuka D.D.S. (US Army, El Paso, TX); Airman Justin Maddich (Incirlik, Turkey Air Force Base); Emily Phillips (USMC) and Brandon Phillips (US Army); Major Luke Vitolo (Air Force, Rabat, Morocco); Major John Vitolo (Air Force, Colorado Springs, CO) Lance Corporal Ryan Woods (USMC, 29 Palms, CA).

Christmas Memorial Flower Fund

Thank you for your Christmas flower donations in loving memory of your deceased family members and dear friends.
All envelopes will be placed on our worship sites' altars in remembrance of these, our loved ones, during Masses throughout the Christmas Season.

Your donations are used to subsidize the cost of decorating each of our worship sites in a noble and rich way heralding the birthday of our Savior.

Sacred Steps

Remember Lord,
and welcome into your kingdom those who have died and have gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially St. Matthias parishioners

Janet L. Kocerka and Leona Butalla

May the angels lead them into paradise.