



# The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11, 2022

### SACRED HEART ROSARY INTENTION

*During this season of expectation, may we draw together in service for one another filled with love; so that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - Please use the envelope from your envelope packet to make a donation for Christmas flowers.



Print clearly the names of those you wish to have remembered & place the envelope in the collection basket no later than December 18.

**REFLECTION BOOKS** - There are still Little Blue Books available. They contain reflections for the Advent and Christmas season. Books are located in church.



**POMEROY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - The Knights will host a Christmas brunch for everyone this Sunday, December 11 following 9:30 a.m. Mass.



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

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| 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.  | Christ the King |
| 4:30 & Midnight   | Holy Cross      |
| 5:30 & Midnight   | Sacred Heart    |
| 6:00 & 10:00 p.m. | St. Paul        |

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

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| 9:00 a.m. | St. Paul |
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### Saturday

|                 |                                 |
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| 4:30 p.m. (SH)  | Brady Huffman (Rae Gwiazdowsky) |
| 5:00 p.m. (CTK) | Dorothy Kelton (Tammy Pugh)     |

### Sunday

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8:30 a.m. (STP)  | Patricia Barrington (John Barrington)         |
| 9:30 a.m. (SH)   | Pat Moore (James Moore)                       |
| 10:00 a.m. (CTK) | Dec. Queen/McGowan Family (JoAnne Queen)      |
| 10:00 a.m. (HC)  | Norma Carter (David & Joann Brunton & Family) |
| 12:00 p.m. (STP) | Seminarian Peter Stetson (SMH CWC)            |
| 6:00 p.m. (CTK)  | People of the Parishes                        |

### Monday

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| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Vocations to the Priesthood for Our Diocese |
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### Tuesday

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| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
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### Wednesday

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| 8:30 a.m. (SH)   | Nick Gwiazdowsky (Rae Gwiazdowsky) |
| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Paul & Julie Sikora (Carol Wasko)  |

### Thursday

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| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Halley & Saunders Family (John & Blaine Halley) |
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### Friday

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| 8:30 a.m. (SH)   | Greater Protection for the Unborn    |
| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | For Those Struggling with Addictions |

### Saturday

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| 4:30 p.m. (SH)  | Larry May (David & Tina Neigler)             |
| 5:00 p.m. (CTK) | Russell & Harriet Dumont (the Oswald Family) |

### Sunday

|                  |  |
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| 8:30 a.m. (STP)  | Phil Strekal (Paul & Teresa Scarmack)        |
| 9:30 a.m. (SH)   | Sheila Cozart (Joan Anderson)                |
| 10:00 a.m. (CTK) | People of the Parishes                       |
| 10:00 a.m. (HC)  | James Bickley, Jr. (Helen McDonald & Family) |
| 12:00 p.m. (STP) | Carolyn Kom                                  |
| 6:00 p.m. (CTK)  | Seminarian Peter Stetson (SMH CWC)           |



**DAILY MASS - SACRED HEART**

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

**ADORATION**

Wednesday: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.



**DAILY MASS - ATHENS**

Monday to Friday: 12:15 p.m. - Christ the King

**ADORATION**

Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Christ the King

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - Christ the King

**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND** - Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay.

Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Use the envelope from your donation packet or one of the extra envelopes available at the doors. Please give generously.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** - Adults who have not been confirmed are asked to contact Nancy Sand at



the parish office for more information: 740-592-2711 or [nsand@athenscatholic.org](mailto:nsand@athenscatholic.org). Classes begin in January.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with The ADVENTure program last weekend! The event had a multigenerational feel and was a great success with about 100 attendees who learned about the history of Advent and Christmas, symbols associated with the seasons, and methods of personal reflection to grow spiritually. St. Nicholas also made an appearance.



Many thanks also to members of the Athens Catholic Women's Club for preparing food and treats and to the Athens Knights for help with set up. Make sure to keep an eye on the bulletin in the new year for other opportunities like this one.

**ATHENS GIVING TREE PROJECT** - Please return your gifts and donations to church later than Sunday, December 11.



**GAUDETE SUNDAY - GAUDETE SUNDAY** - The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday).



Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

**LECTORS**

4:30 p.m.  
9:30 a.m.

**December 10/11**

David Casci  
Robert Beegle

**December 17/18**

Cindy Nau  
Ray Johnson

**LINEN CARE**

CTK  
STP

**December 11**

Wendy Serbonich  
Trudy Montle

**December 18**

Olivia Sheehan  
Trudy Montle