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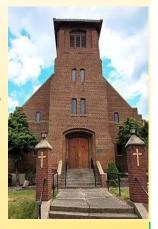
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Fr. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor



Welcome!

We are happy you are here. We invite you to be a full, active participant in our community. Let no one feel like a stranger here!

MASS TIMES:

Tues. & Thurs. Mass 8am at Sacred Heart; Wed. & Fri. Mass 8am at Saint Cecilia; Saturday 4:00pm at St Cecilia Church Saturday 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church Sunday 8:00am at St Cecilia Church Sunday 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church

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Staff

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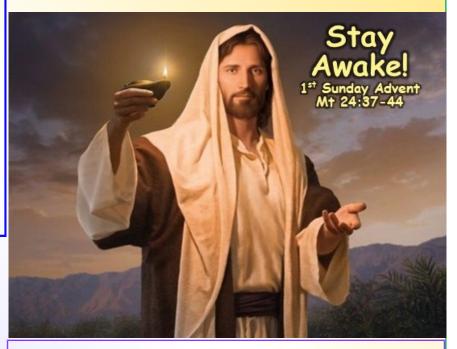
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Sacristan volunteer: Lucille Knapczyk

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES - see page 3 for the deadlines. Thank you E-mail address for church bulletin articles: swagner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call Father anytime 724-423-3777.

Please Note: By law, Hospitals and Care Facilities are prevented from notifying us of admissions or status changes. Please contact the Office to request visits or Communion calls as soon as possible.

Home visits are continuing for the Homebound.

CONFESSIONS: ½ hour before Saturday & Sunday Mass or by appt.

WEDDINGS: Couples must meet with the pastor at least twelve months in advance of the planned marriage date.

BAPTISMS: Call the pastor to schedule & prepare for Baptism. Please Note: Certificates to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to one who is a registered and practicing member of the Parish.

FIRST COMMUNION or CONFIRMATION: We have a 2 year Preparation Program, please contact Mary Stoner at 724-972-1472.

REGISTRATION: Every family should be registered at either Sacred Heart or at St. Cecilia Parish [one or the other]. Of course you can go to Mass at either parish. To register: call the office or see page 2.

SACRED HEART & ST. CECILIA PARISHES



From the Pastor

The Advent season begins with a vision of people at peace: beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. This peace, this wholeness, does not start around a

negotiation table. It starts in you and in me.

Wake Up! Jesus tells us. The Day of the Lord is upon us! The battle for the Lord is not something that will take place many years from now. It is a battle that we are engaged in, here and now.

We need to clothe ourselves in Christ, let the Light of Christ be our armor, protecting us from the darkness of the world. Our every act of kindness, our every sacrifice of self for another, is a small step in the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God. Conversely, every act of hatred, every act of selfishness, strengthens the power of evil that is destroying our world. We need to be doing our part in this struggle. We need to commit, to live as His committed disciples: His ways, our ways!

If we use the Christmas holidays as an opportunity to bury the hatchet and reconcile with those who have hurt us or whom we have hurt, if we use Christianity as an opportunity to share our time and treasure with the less fortunate, if we look for ways to be more loving to others, especially those within our homes, then we will be engaged in the Lord's battle against evil.

Advent is upon us. It's a new day; a new season; a new liturgical year. Stay awake and be prepared, for the Son of Man is coming!

FrJím



First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to Fr. Jim or reach out to Fr. Tyler Bandura, Vocations Director; tbandura@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Scripture Readings for the Week of November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 2nd Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

St. Cecilia Sanctuary Candle
In memory of Richard & Aaron Terdle

Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle

In memory of Vera Ferry by Barb Tompko



Mass Intentions

LORD'S DAY MASSES - First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29

4:00PM(SC) ⊕ Carole Virag by Family

6:00PM(SH) & Jan K. Maus by Consetta M. Maus

Sunday, November 30

8:00AM(SC) St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners

10:30AM(SH) → Marian Mattock by Charlotte Grejtak

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, December 1 No Mass

Tuesday, December 2

8:00AM(SH) & Bill & Gloria Rohall by Mary Anne Balko

Wednesday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier

8:00AM(SC) & George & Helen Hvizdos by Kathryn Hvizdos Longo

Thursday, December 4 Saint John Damascene

8:00AM(SH) ⊕ Judy Bosco by Wednesday St. Vincent dePaul

Friday, December 5

8:00AM(SC) & Debbie Olecki by Darlene Stahl

LORD'S DAY MASSES - Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6 Saint Nicholas

4:00PM(SC)⊕ Cyril Sr. & Stella, Cyril Henry by Dorothy & Family 6:00PM(SH) Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, December 7

8:00AM(SC)와 Morrison & Freeman Families by Barb & Joe Huber

10:30AM(SH) → Patricia Vasinko by Husband, Children & Grandchildren

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES- Please email Bulletin information for: December 14 by Monday, Dec. 1. The December 21 bulletin by Monday, Dec. 8 AND Dec. 28 & January 4, 2026 bulletins by Monday, December 15. to:swagger@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Monday Night Rosary 4:00pm SC Church

December

- **3** OCIA, Wednesdays 6:00pm SC Education Center For more information, contact Mary Stoner at mstoner@dioceseofgreensburg.org
- **5** First Friday Visits
- **5** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, SC Church
- 7 Repair and Replacement collection, all Masses
- 7 Faith Formation Classes, 9am –10:10am
- 7 Faith and Family, 9am –10:10am SC Church
- 7 BINGO/Basket Raffle at 2:00pm, SC Hall (doors open 12:30pm)
- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary HOLY DAY Mass schedule on page 7 of bulletin
- 8 Parish Office closed

Anyone who has a Pyx and is no longer using, please bring back to Church. Thank you

<u>LITURGICAL MINISTERS</u> December 6 - 7, 2025

LECTORS

4:00pm(SC) Charley Fajt

6:00pm(SH) Steve Wagner

8:00am(SC) Emily Pierce

10:30am(SH) Dave Johnston

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm(SC) Mary Smith, Joanne Kornides

6:00pm(SH) Sondra Wagner

8:00am(SC) Whitney Liske, Helen Carson

10:30am(SH) Lucille Knapczyk, Marlene Boggio

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm(SC) Michael Leachman

8:00am(SC) Jeremy Zawelensky, Nora Slough

COLLECTION COUNTERS

(SC) Ken & Sandy Stas

(SH) Marty & Lisa Singer, Cindy Planinsek

Mass Intention and Request Form / Sanctuary Candle Intention

Mass Intentions cannot be requested more than four months in advance. You may requests specific dates and times if they are available. Please place your form in the offertory basket (envelope marked "Mass Intention /Sanctuary Candle) or at the Parish Office during office hours. All Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle Intention must be in writing along with the \$10 Offering for each intention.

	Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle Offering:	
Sanctuary Candle Intention for:	by:	Date:
Mass Intention Requests must include Date requested: 1st Choice:	2 nd Choice:	3 rd Choice:
Intention for:	Phone # need	ed:
Offered by:	Church	: SC [] or SH []

Given With Grateful Hearts

SACRED HEART

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,890

November 23 Parish Collection \$ *

* The Nov. 23 Collection will be available in the December 7 bulletin.

Thank You for your support of God's work in our Parishes each week!

Your sacrificial gifts go a long way in helping us carry out our Mission to bring the Lord's Good News to Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia.

Thank you for helping to build the Kingdom of God here on earth through His church by your prayers, your time, your talents and your financial support.

Please consider how just a one or two dollar increase per week from every family would help us meet our normal operating expenses.

Please take a moment to prayerfully reflect on your current giving; then, with trust in God, challenge yourself and your family to give more.

May God bless you for your generosity!

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA)

OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGNS

100% of your DLA donations stay here to help our Parish!

Sacred Heart 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$59,676
Diocese portion—\$24,676 Parish portion—\$35,000

Received toward 2025 TOTAL GOAL— \$57,299

THANK YOU for your support!

Sacre	d Heart Financ	ial Repo	ort for Octo	ber 2025
			Income	Expenses
Ordinary	Offertory Income Online Giving Income	14,694.00 762.25	15,456.25	26,418.89
Extraordina	ary		0.33 *	20,228.25 **
Other				
Cath	olic Accent		20.00	351.05
With	drawal from Reserve	- school	19,792.00	
DLA	Refund		436.25	
Second Col	lections			
Semi	nary/Clergy		175.00	175.00
Miss	ion Sunday		245.00	245.00
Dioce	esan Poverty Relief		10.00	
* Extraordinary	on Cooperative Income includes interest ry Expeneses - payment for tl	ne Asbestos Aba	15.00	15.00
TOTAL	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		\$36,149.83	\$47,433.19
Operating 5	Surplus / (Deficit)		, ,	(10,962.64)
	plus/ (Deficit)			(11,283.36)



SACRED HEART Prayer List

Bernie Balko, William Charles, Verinia Clark, Ken Coup, Graham Davis, Rose Dominick, Blake Doyle, Desiree Doyle, Jennifer Dupilka, Don Eglhaut, Catherine Ennis, Henry James Farkas, Joyce B. Gainey, Ruth Henderson, Judy Janusek, Peggy Jasper, Margaret Kelly, Richard Carl Kintz, Brenda Knapczyk, Kristi Knapczyk, John Korzak, Ronna B. Layne, Betty Marshall, Cathy McMaster, Bernice Miedel, Richard A. Noel, Agnes Onusko, Renee Onusko, Nathan Overly, Andrea Playso, Roseann Playso, David Ridilla, Mary Ann Seaman, Rachelle Sherback, Scott Smith, Chuck Stahl, Emanuel Stynchula, Ethel Thomas, Lujean Wasnesky, Judy Wasnesky

Names in the PRAYER LIST can ONLY be Added at the request of immediate family members by contacting the Parish Office. Please let us know when a name can be removed.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of all of our departed loved-ones, especially we remember: **Donna Jean Repko**, who entered eternal rest on November 18th, 2025.

May the angels lead them into paradise!





HOMEBOUND VISITS

If you, or a loved one, is homebound, or in the hospital or a nursing care facility, and would like a visit, or the Anointing prayer, PLEASE contact the Parish Office.



SAINT CECILIA Prayer List

Vern Ashbaugh, Megan Carroll, Christina Courville, Hudson Donahue, Douglas Facemyer, Ron Fajt, Grace Gardner, Roger Gorley, Melinda Hawk, Lucas Haefner, Stacey Jarvis, Kasey Lanier, Theresa Loosley, Betty Marinchek, Virginia McCracken, Jim Milko, Hutch Morris, John Pasztor, Chuck Pope, Margaret Quinn, Francis Rolniak, Nancy Scekeres, Myron Severa, Ted Severa, Patty Spisak, Jeremiah Springer, Matthew Springer, Ron Stahl, Tricia Henry Sulek, Marie Talarovich, Ethel Thomas, Samantha Springer Thompson, Ronald Thompson, Elizabeth Verdun, Jessica Yasurek, Linda Williams, Walter Williams

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Saint Cecilia Monthly



Sunday, December 7, 2025!

BINGO & Basket Raffle

St. Cecilia Parish Hall



Bingo starts at 2:00pm

Doors open at 12:30pm

Mystery number, 50/50, Jackpot, Specials and more! Refreshments will be available.

We would welcome donations of homemade foods, cakes, pop & bottled water and Baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the SUNDAY BINGO date or at the Parish office. Thank you for your support!



IT IS AN HONOR TO **SERVE GOD**

and your fellow Parish Members as **Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Catechists or Cantors!**

Call the Parish office for more information on any of our Ministries:724-423-3777.

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Saint Cecilia 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$68,481 Diocese portion—\$28,481 Parish portion—\$40,000 Received toward 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$97,237

THANK YOU for your support!

St. Cecilia Financial Report for October 2025

			Income	Expenses
Ordinary			16,283.35	25,246.92
	Offertory Income	12,722.35		
	Online Giving Income	3,561.00		
Extraordi	nary		3,856.43 *	5,774.97 **
Other				
Cat	holic Accent		5.00	258.40
DLA	A Refund		625.00	
Rel	igious Education Tuition		80.00	
Second C	ollections			
Ser	minary/Clergy Formation		10.00	10.00
Mis	ssion Sunday		509.00	509.00
DLA	4		10.00	10.00
TOTAL			\$21,378.78	\$31,809.29
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*Extraordinary Income includes Bingo Income

Extraordinary Expense includes Burger Bash Expenses, Bingo Expenses and a transfer to savings

Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(8,963.57)
Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)	(10,430.51)

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

Save the Date Epiphany Play



Sunday, January 4, 2026

OCIA - a journey of faith.

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm! St. Cecilia Education Center, 220 Cecilia Road, Latrobe.

All "FAITH and FAMILY" sessions will be held in St. Cecilia Church following the 8:00AM Masses, from 9AM to 10:10AM.



December 7th

How and why are we praying?

...The prayer of a righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve" James 5:16

Come join us on Sunday, December 7 for conversation, reflections and sharing on the development of daily prayer habits. Prayer is essential for Catholics because it fosters a vital, personal relationship with God, providing spiritual strength, guidance, and a way to grow in faith and holiness. This habit allows for the internalizing of spiritual truths, strengthens the connection to liturgical and community worship, and helps Catholics to live out their faith intentionally in daily life.

REGIONAL YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 6:30PM-8:00PM For More Information: Email jmassetto@dioceseofgreensburg.org Or text/call 724-600-4648

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY Christmas Luncheon, December 14

The Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon on **Sunday**, **December 14** at Chef Dato's Table at 1:00 pm, with doors opening at 12:30 pm.

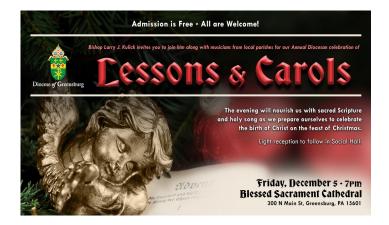
All ladies from both parishes and their guests are invited to attend. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship, delicious food and entertainment. Cost of the luncheon is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. Please place your envelope with cash or a check (made payable to "Rosary Altar Society") in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Mark the envelope with your Name and "Rosary Altar Christmas Luncheon".

Reservations and payments are due no later than Tuesday, December 2.

Sacred Heart Church is fundraising with a New Year's Day ticket

NEW YEAR'S DAY CASH!
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The New Year's Day tickets will be available after weekend Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia. If you are interested in helping to distribute to your family and friends, please contact Cindy at 724-961-9148 or Donna at 724-961-4808.



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Saint Cecilia Church [SC] Sacred Heart Church [SH]



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 6 - 7 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday 4PM [SC]: 6PM [SH] Sunday 8AM [SC], 10:30AM [SH]

December 8 HOLY DAY

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, Dec. 8th 8:00AM [SC]; 5:15PM [SH]



December 13 - 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 4PM [SC]; 6PM [SH] Sunday 8AM [SC], 10:30AM [SH]

Create in me a Clean Heart, O God!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE December 15th, 7 PM

for both parishes (at St. Cecilia)
Fr. Jim and other priests
will hear our Confessions.



December 20 - 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 4PM [SC]; 6PM [SH] Sunday 8AM [SC], 10:30AM [SH]

December 24 - 25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses NOTE BOTH MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS

Wednesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve: 4:00PM [SC]; 6:00PM [SH]; 8:00PM [SC]

Thursday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day: 8:00AM [SC]; 10:30AM [SH]

December 27 - 28 Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 4PM [SC]; 6PM [SH] Sunday 8AM [SC], 10:30AM [SH]

Dec. 31 & January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God [New Year's Day]

Wednesday, Dec. 31st 4:00PM [SH]; Thursday, January 1st 10:30AM [SC]

January 3 - 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 4PM [SC]; 6PM [SH] Sunday 8AM [SC], 10:30AM [SH]



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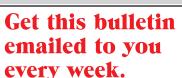
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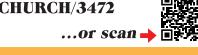
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