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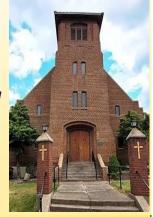
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Fr. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor



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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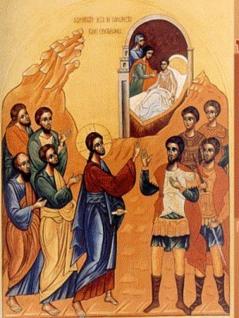
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Sacristan volunteer: Lucille Knapczyk

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

December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A

TO COME?

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

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From the Pastor

Thomas was not the only one to have had his doubts. The last words recorded of John is the question: *Are you the one?*

John's testimony to Jesus had been fearless and unwavering, but now, languishing in prison, he begins to wonder. Even the saints, it seems, know what it is to wrestle with uncertainty.

How does Jesus deal with John's doubts? Jesus points to miracles of love, of freedom and of healing. Jesus invites John, and us, to see what is happening as the promise and pledge of a new day.

This Advent, let us commence a new day by being our best Christian selves, by becoming beacons of light to our community. Let us spend time in prayer. Let us dedicate our Advent preparations to promoting prayer, by acts of virtue, and by sacrifice.

Let us take advantage of our Parish's Advent Penance Service this Monday evening at 7pm at St Cecilia, to further *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, unburden ourselves of our sin, and experience the joy of being reconciled with God and with one another.

Like John's disciples, we have seen and heard the Lord in our own lives. Now, we must make the trip back to others who haven't, or whose lives are so desperate that, on their own, they cannot see any deeds, or hear any words, that offer them hope.

Let us be less judgmental and more understanding, less demanding and more forgiving—which might go a long way to enable the blind to regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers cleansed, the deaf hear and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

FrJim

Advent Communal Penance Service:

Many of us have fallen out of the practice of regularly making a good confession and better readying ourselves to meet the Lord. Maybe you have felt the desire to go to confession, but feel uncomfortable because it's been a while since your last confession. Or, you want to feel God's forgiveness in your life, but fear being harshly judged by the priest. I can assure you that in the life of a priest, few things bring as much joy as being able to assure individuals of God's mercy and to pronounce those powerful words: "The Lord has freed you from all your sins. Go in peace!"

"Create clean" heart, OGOd, new and right spirit within me."

Fr. Jim & other Priests will be available Monday, Dec 15th, at 7:00pm, St Cecilia Church.

And, please look for a way to offer some gentle encouragement to your family, friends and neighbors, to join you.

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Please drop Membership Form into	offertory basket or i	mail to either paris	h office—addresses	are on the front cover.	

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

St. Cecilia Sanctuary Candle
In memory of Nancy Rabic by Family



Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle
In memory of Bob Peffer by Martha Schirf

Mass Intentions

<u>LORD'S DAY MASSES – Third Sunday of Advent</u> Saturday, December 13

4:00PM(SC) Living/Deceased Rosary Altar Society Members 6:00PM(SH) Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, December 14

8:00AM(SC) & Ernie & Dolores Stahl by Darlene Stahl
10:30AM(SH) & Bob Peffer by Fred & Janet Pevarnik

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, December 15 No Mass

Tuesday, December 16

8:00AM(SH) ⊕ Bill Tompko by Bob & Susan Lena

Wednesday, December 17

8:00AM(SC) ⊕ Nancy Rabic by Family

Thursday, December 18

8:00AM(SH) & Vera Ferry by Joe, Barb Smith

Friday, December 19

8:00AM(SC) ⊕ Bier & Messmer Families by Family

LORD'S DAY MASSES - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20

4:00PM(SC) [↑] Donald L. Miller by Sharon

6:00PM(SH) Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, December 21

8:00AM(SC) ⊕ Pat Voke by Kring Family

10:30AM(SH) & Art Metz Sr. by Alan & Sharon Metz

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE - Please email Bulletin information for: December 28 & January 4, 2026 bulletins by Monday, December 15. To: swagner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Monday Night Rosary 4:00pm SC Church

December

- 14 Children's Mass
- 15 Advent Penance Service, 7pm SC Church
- 16 Fr. Jim, 10:30am Mass at Kadima Healthcare
- 17 OCIA, Wednesdays 6pm SC Education Center For information, contact Mary Stoner at mstoner@dioceseofgreensburg.org
- 21 Faith Formation Classes, 9am –10:10am
- 21 Adoration Hour 9am –10:00am

The Parish office will be closed December 22 to January 1, 2026.

- 24 No 8AM Mass
- 25 Christmas Mass Schedule, page 7 in bulletin

24/25 Children/Family Services collection, ALSO Parish Maintenance & Improvement Campaign collection

26 No 8AM Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 20 - 21, 2025

LECTORS

4:00pm(SC) Charley Fajt

6:00pm(SH) Ann Repko

8:00am(SC) Ron Stas

10:30am(SH) Cindy Lou Fiorina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm(SC) Jackie Elliott, Jeremy Zawelensky

6:00pm(SH) Marlene Boggio

8:00am(SC) Whitney Liske, Lisa Kring

10:30am(SH) Brian & Susan McCreery

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm(SC) Michael Leachman

8:00am(SC) Mason Blair

COLLECTION COUNTERS

(SC) Regis & Roxanne Donahue

(SH) Mary Butina, Dave Johnston, Tina Grossman

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 # needed:		
Offered by:	Church: SC [] or SH []		

December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

Given With Grateful Hearts

SACRED HEART

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,890

December 7 Parish Collection \$ *

* The Dec. 7 Collection will be available in the December 21 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!



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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, Fr. Earl Henry, O.S.B., 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.

Only a few tickets left available for the **New Year's Day ticket**, January 1st fundraiser, please contact Cindy at 724-961-9148 or Donna at 724-961-4808.



Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the Holiday Cash fundraiser!

Congratulations to:

\$1000 winner was Edna Fritz #769 \$250 winner was Tina Grossman #768 \$250 winner was Sebastian Storms #770





SAINT CECILIA Prayer List

Vern Ashbaugh, Megan Carroll, Christina Courville, Hudson Donahue, Douglas Facemyer, Ron Fajt, Grace Gardner, Roger Gorley, Melinda Hawk, Lucas Haefner, Fr. Earl Henry, O.S.B., 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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THANK YOU

The Bingo Committee would like to extend a thank you to everyone who donated baskets, door prizes, food or time as a Volunteer for the December Bingo.

Saint Cecilia Monthly



Sunday, January 11, 2026!

St. Cecilia Parish Hall

BINGO starts at 2:00pm

Doors open at 12:30pm

Given With Grateful Hearts

SAINT CECILIA

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$4,803

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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!

THANK YOU to the Committee that have set up the "2025 Burger Bashes," and ALL who have faithfully helped to make these events a SUCCESS!

The money raised helps with our finances at St. Cecilia Parish.

SUMMARY OF 6 BURGER BASHES - 2025 INCOME EXPENSE PROFIT/LOSS Burger Bash #1 - May 3,755.17 1.630.00 2,125.17 Burger Bash #2 - June 3,346.67 2,102.39 1,244.28 \$ \$ \$ 3,285.67 Burger Bash #3 - July \$ \$ 1,847.65 \$ 1,438.02 3,380.67 Burger Bash #4 - August \$ 1,678.41 \$ 1,702.26 Burger Bash #5 - September \$ 3,664.02 1,825.26 \$ 1,838.76 \$ Burger Bash #6 - October \$ 7,581.92 1,883.06 5,698.86 TOTALS \$ 25,014.10 \$ 10,966.77 14,047.33

December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

Save the Date Epiphany Play Sunday, January 4, 2026

ADORATION HOUR All are welcome!

Sundays 9:00 to 10:00AM December 21, 2025, February 1, March 1, April 26, May 17, 2026.

Anyone that would be interested in being an "ADORER" for Adoration.

Contact Mary mstoner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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Please consider a gift this Christmas to the **Children and Family Services Appeal**;

at all Masses on December 24th & 25th.

CHRISTMAS reminds us of the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility. You are asked to support the Children and Family Services Appeal and help to change the future of an individual, family or child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

The CATHOLIC ACCENT online has a listing of Christmas events at Parishes across the Diocese, as well as Penance Services and Christmas Mass times submitted by parishes. Visit: theaccentonline.org.



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25 Friday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

4th Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:2-3)

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to Fr. Jim or reach out to Fr. Tyler Bandura, Vocations Director: tbandura@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Westmoreland County Food Bank Food Donations

Please consider donating non-perishable food items for **Christmas** in the bins located at the entrances of St. Cecilia Church and Sacred Heart Church.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

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



"Confession is an act of honesty and courage-an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." Saint Pope John Paul II

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

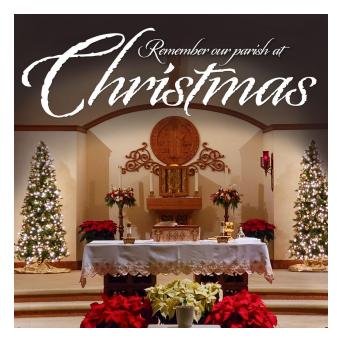
Saturday 4PM [SC]; 6PM [SH] Sunday 8AM [SC], 10:30AM [SH]

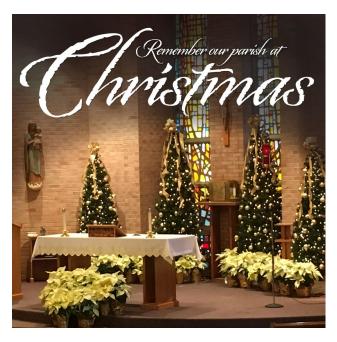
December 24 - 25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses NOTE BOTH MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS

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]

REMEMBER OUR PARISH AT CHRISTMAS!





If your circumstances allow, we humbly ask you to remember our Parish at Christmas with an end-of-the-year gift or a commitment to increase your offerings in 2026.





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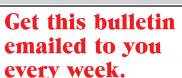
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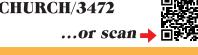
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