Sacred Heart Parish & St. Cecilia Parish

Mailing Address: 222 St. Cecilia Road Latrobe, PA 15650

www.saintcecilia.net



Air Conditioned 421 Main St. Youngstown, PA 15696 A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



Air Conditioned 220 St. Cecilia Rd. Latrobe, PA 15650 A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

Partner Parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Greensburg

Pastoral Center & Mailing Address: 222 St. Cecilia Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs., 8am to 3pm. Closed Fridays. Phone: 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358; FAX: 724-423-3778

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

OR view Mass ONLINE: Facebook.com/SHSCMass



Like us on Facebook: Facebook.com/SHSCMass

YouTube "Subscribe on YouTube"

https://www.youtube.com/@sacredheartstceciliamass

Staff

Pastor: Fr. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B. **DIRECT LINE: 724-423-9240**

In Emergency call: 724-423-3777 Ext. 5 e-mail: jpodlesny@dioceseofgreensburg.org Secretary: Sondra Wagner, 724-423-3777 e-mail: swagner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Coordinator of Youth Religious Education:

Mary Stoner, 724-972-1472

e-mail: mstoner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Office Assistant: Jeremy Zawelensky, 724-423-3777 e-mail: jzawelensky@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Regional Parish Business Manager: Angela Reese e-mail: areese@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Regional Director of Youth Ministry: Justin Massetto

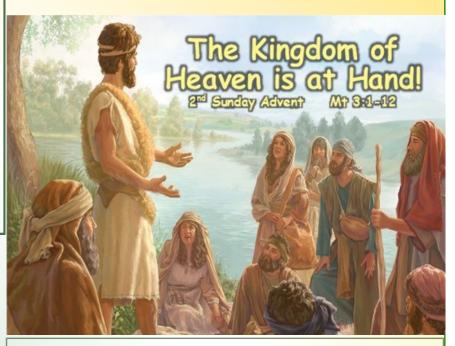
e-mail: jmassetto@dioceseofgreensburg.org 724-600-4648

Maintenance / Custodial Staff: Jim Johnston Liturgical Musicians [organist]: Linda Bruening

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 7, 2025 Second 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. PAGE 2

SACRED HEART & ST. CECILIA PARISHES



From the Pastor

John the Baptist's preaching begins with the proclamation of salvation: *The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*, a Kingdom of justice and peace, of lions lying down with lambs, envisioned by Isaiah

the prophet. There is nothing more solid and sure than this message. It is our asking the question: *Am I loved?* And John says, *God's answer is: YES!*

But, John's is also a voice of Thundering Judgment. For if we're going to be really honest, deep down, we know we are broken and our world is broken. We are both wheat and chaff, and the chaff must be burned away. We must take a scalpel to cut out whatever in us does not bear good fruit.

A broken world needs a place to bring its spiritual injuries. We need an emergency room to heal what is broken inside, to get down to the root causes of our problems and have our wounds tended. This is the WHY of Church: The Church is a hospital for sinners, and all of us in the Church need to do our part to heal wounds – to be healing, as we are being healed.

This Advent get rid of everything that's blocking the way of the Lord in you. Give more love and be less selfish. Remember the poor and give thanks for all your blessings. Give more time to prayer and less to talk about others. Remember that Jesus came to save you and to offer you salvation and eternal life, and it is God's free gift.

God is still speaking to us today, for God has not forgotten us or abandoned us. Rather, God is calling us to return home to the God who loves us.

FrJím



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2) John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Zech 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

3rd Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

REVEREND FUN @ GOSPIL COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM

THE LAMB WASN'T CRAZY ABOUT THIS NEW SLEEPING ARRANGEMENT, BUT AT LEAST IT WAS AN IMPROVEMENT

SACRED	HEART/ST. CECI	LIA CHUF	RCH MEMBERSHIP FORM			
NAME:						
ADDRESS:						
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	PHONES:			
	EMAIL ADDRESS:					
SELECT YOUR F	PARISH: ST. CECILIA O	r 🗆 Sacred H	HEART			
CHECK: [I New Registration ☐ Chan	ge of Address	☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes			
Please dron Members	shin Form into offertory basks	t or mail to eithe	or narish office—addresses are on the front cover			

PAGE 3

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

St. Cecilia Sanctuary Candle
In memory of the
Henry Family and Chrissy by Dorothy & Family



Mass Intentions

<u>LORD'S DAY MASSES – Second Sunday of Advent</u> Saturday, December 6

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) 中 Morrison & Freeman Families by Barb & Joe Huber 10:30AM(SH) 中 Patricia Vasinko by Husband, Children & Grandchildren

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 8 Holy Day

8:00AM(SC) ⊕ Michael E. Yandrick by Yandrick Family 5:15PM(SH) ⊕ Gus Copelli by Mike & Marty Yandrick

Tuesday, December 9 Saint Juan Diego 8:00AM(SH) ⊕ Mary Ellen Ridilla by Family

Wednesday, December 10

8:00AM(SC) & John & Elizabeth Rabic by Eleanor

Thursday, December 11 Saint Damasus I
8:00AM(SH) Deceased Joseph Martin Family by Mary & Chuck

Friday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00AM(SC) & Mary & Paul Spisak by Jerry & Betsy

LORD'S DAY MASSES – Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13 Saint Lucy

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

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

Monday Night Rosary 4:00pm SC Church

December

- 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
- **10** OCIA, Wednesdays 6pm SC Education Center For information, contact Mary Stoner at mstoner@dioceseofgreensburg.org
- 14 Children's Mass
- **14** Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon
- **15** Advent Penance Service, 7pm SC Church

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 13 - 14, 2025

LECTORS

4:00pm(SC) Ed Stas

6:00pm(SH) Mary Stubbs

8:00am(SC) Ray Vasinko

10:30am(SH) Faith Formation

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm(SC) Mary Smith, Sheri Slezak

6:00pm(SH) Jan Noel, Nancy Noel

8:00am(SC) Mary Mears, Betsy Sherbondy

10:30am(SH) Cindy Kaminski, Mary Stoner

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00pm(SC) Michael Leachman

8:00am(SC) Evan Frescura

COLLECTION COUNTERS

(SC) Helen Carson, Patricia Yasurek, Luanne Pierce

(SH) John & Marlene Boggio, Lucille Knapczyk

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

Given With Grateful Hearts

SACRED HEART

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,890

November 23 Parish Collection \$4,035

Increased Offertory \$255 Retired Religious \$20 Catholic Accent \$108 Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund \$319 Children & Family Services \$10

November 30 Parish Collection \$2,377

Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund \$30 Catholic Accent \$20 Mission Co-Operative Appeal \$7

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!



NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE! ENGAGE AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

All church envelope categories are now available for Online Donation. Donate here:

www.saintcecilia.net

Do you receive collection envelopes in the mail but do not need them because you give online? Contact the parish office if you would like them to be stopped.



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.



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



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.



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

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.

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!

Given With Grateful Hearts

SAINT CECILIA

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$4,803

November 23 Parish Collection \$2,565

Increased Offertory \$1,000 Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund \$624

Retired Religious \$10 Catholic Accent \$15

November 30 Parish Collection \$3,660

Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund \$60 Children & Family Services \$10

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 Saint Cecilia and Sacred Heart.

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!

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 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					
Burger Bash #3 - July	\$ 3,285.67	\$ 1,847.65	\$ 1,438.02					
Burger Bash #4 - August	\$ 3,380.67	\$ 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 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent



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 7th 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

Save the Date Epiphany Play

out their faith intentionally in daily life.



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 "<u>ADORER</u>" for Adoration.

Contact Mary mstoner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

"ADORER" as a general term:

An individual who dedicates a specific hour to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to be a "Guardian of the Eucharist" so He is never left alone.

OCIA - a journey of faith.

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm! St. Cecilia Education Center, 224 Cecilia Road, Latrobe.

To the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and The Diocese of Greensburg,

I am writing this to express our extreme gratitude to Sacred Heart Church and the Diocese of Greensburg for allowing the Unity Township Bureau of Fire and our partners access to train at the Sacred Heart School site.

I cannot stress enough the importance of training scenarios within standing structures, it is as close as we can safely get to real world evolutions and these opportunities are difficult to come by.

Just to put into perspective what we were able to accomplish because of your generosity, we spent approximately 75-100 hrs. on site, we trained approximately 80 firefighters from 10 different Departments in more than 10 primary skill sets that ranged from Self Contained Breathing apparatus search and rescue to forcible entry and self rescue.

As you can see we took full advantage of the opportunity your organizations afforded us!

In closing I would like to express our gratitude to you for your continued support of the emergency services in our area, it truly is a collaborative effort!!

Gerry L. McCracken Training Coordinator

Unity Township Bureau of Fire Staffing Program



For More Information: Email jmassetto@dioceseofgreensburg.org Or text/call 724-600-4648

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.

SPECIAL THANKS to our Bulletin Sponsor:

LAKEVIEW ANIMAL CLINIC

Dr. Ronald J. Stas, V.M.D. (724) 537-5881

Please support our advertisers; they make our bulletin possible.

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Saint Cecilia Church [SC] Sacred Heart Church [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]

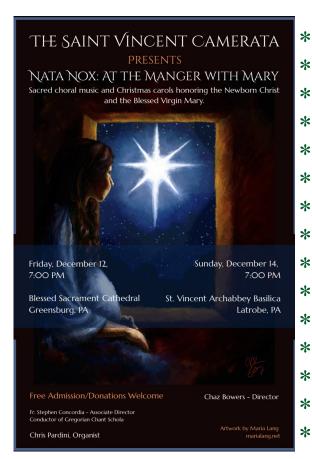
"Confession is an act of honesty and courage-an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." Saint Pope John Paul II

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.





ANNUAL DIOCESAN NIGHT MARKET: Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick on

Saturday, Dec. 13, for the Diocese of Greensburg's annual Christmas Night Market.

Join us for an unforgettable day of music, laughter, faith and community as we gather indoors and outdoors for a celebration that captures the wonder of Christmas. There is no admission charge or registration required to attend. Bishop Kulick will celebrate Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent at 4 p.m. in

Saint Joseph Chapel. More than 50 craft Christmas
Night Market
SATURDAY DEC 13
2:00 - 8:00PM
4:00PM Mass with
Bishop Larry J. Kulick

CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER, GREENSBURG

Diocese
Greensburg

vendors will be on hand indoors to help you find your Christmas treasures, and local food trucks will offer delicious bites. Children can enjoy a magical and interactive experience that brings the story and tradition of Saint Nicholas to life. Also planned: the blessing and lighting of the Diocesan Christmas tree! For a complete schedule of events and registration for special wine and beer tastings, visit ChristmasNightMarket.org.



Diocesan is proud to be printing

Sacred Heart's | St. Cecilia's Sunday Bulletin

You are invited to help support our Parish! For opportunities to advertise, please call 800-994-9817





Locally Owned and Operated by Board Certified Emergency Physicians



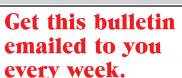
www.pecurgentcare.com

215 W. Loyalhanna St. | Suite 3 Ligonier, PA 15658





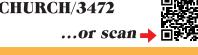
PREMIER EXPRESS CARE



Simply go to

www.DM.CHURCH/3472

DISCOVERMASS





Linda Bruening Music Studio

Piano & Guitar Lessons Learn Sight Reading, Music Theory and to Improvise! 724-532-0151

EWTN.COM/RADIO



catholicmatch[®] Pennsylvania



CatholicMatch.com/goPA

BRUNO A. HOLNAIDER III

CONSTRUCTION Latrobe PA



- Complete Interior & Exterior Remodelina
- Specializing in Roofing Soffit Fascia Gutters
- Spouting & Flashings Replacement Doors & Windows
- Garage Doors & Openers Railing & Post

Strong Past **Powerful Future**

- . Dump Truck & Skid Loader Work
- · Glassblock Windows, Blown In Attic & Wall Insulation

938 Donohoe Road • Latrobe, PA 15650 724-539-0269

McCabe Funeral Home

"Friends Helping Friends" for over 50 years John D. McCabe Brian P. McCabe, F.D.

> www.McCabeFuneralHomesPA.com Derry

Westmoreland Mechanical Testing & Research, Inc. -- Serving The Community for Over 35 Years --



Material Testing Fields

Old RT. 30

724/537-3131

P.O. BOX 388

FAX 724/537-3151

YOUNGSTOWN, PA 15696-0388 USA

Web Site: http://www.wmtr.com



IN LOVING **MEMORY OF**

Conner Byrne

ADVERTISE HERE

Promote your Business AND support your Parish.

Give us a call! 800-233-8200

The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible. Please support them when you can.

Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week. Go to DiscoverMass.com/subscribe