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SAINT MONICA PARISH

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WYOMING & WEST WYOMING
363 WEST 8TH ST., WEST WYOMING, PA. 18644**

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Peter A. Tomczak, Pastor
Reverend Mr. William Jenkins, Deacon
Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni, Parish Secretary
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Mr. Howard Kelley, Sacristan

+ + + MASS SCHEDULE + + +

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Tuesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Wednesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Friday Afternoon Mass 12:10 PM
(Adoration following Mass - Benediction 4:30 PM)

CONTACT US

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Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mission Statement – The Parish of Saint Monica, grounded in the Sacraments and Gospel of Jesus Christ, is called to serve by using God’s gifts of time, talent, and treasure to inspire evangelization and provide for those in need.

Parish Membership - New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register. Membership is necessary for anyone in our Religious Education & Sacraments Programs as well as anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation Sacraments -

Baptism – Baptismal Instruction held each First Tuesday monthly; required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Confession - Saturday, 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM or by appointment.

Marriage - Diocesan Policy requires a six-month advance notification to the priest & participation in Pre-Cana Instruction.

Religious Education - Youth Program Sunday, 9:45 AM dismissal 10:45AM; IC Adults Wednesday, 6:00 PM.

Diocesan Catholic Schools - Elementary or High School for information call 714-9610.

Pastoral Care of the Sick – Please call the Parish Office for visitation & Sacrament of the Sick, at home, in the hospital or Health Care Facility. Local hospitals do not provide pastors with names of hospitalized parishioners.

Bereavement Committee - Meet the second Monday of the month. Joanne Austin coordinator 288-6785.

Senior Citizens - Meet the first & third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Society - Meet the first Monday of the month after the 8:00AM Mass.

Prayer Group – Wednesdays 7:00PM.

Pregnancy Help - 24/7 call 1-800-723-8331 or 570-826-1819.

FEED
MY
SHEEP



First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018



+ **Mass Schedule** +
Mass Intention



Monday, December 3 8:00AM – Edward Krasniak
 by JoAnn Kwasny
 Tuesday, December 4 8:00AM – Roxann Scalz
 by David Gardner
 Wed., December 5 8:00AM – Daniel Ostrowski
 by Family
 Friday, December 7 12:10PM – George Nocek
 by Greskeviczr & Kearney
 *6:30PM – Anthony Slusser
 by Celia Wrazien & Family
 Saturday, December 8 *9:00AM – Sylvia Tomczak
 by MaryJane Tomasetti
 4:00PM – Alberta Kolojchick
 by JoAnn Kwasny
 Sunday, December 9 8:30AM – Intention Parish
 11:00AM – Anna & Walter Pitcavage Sr.
 by Bernadine & Family

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Ministry Schedule

Ministry Schedule – December 8 & 9

Acolyte

4:00 PM – Heck, Latoski, Allardyce
 8:30 AM – Kearns, Pawloski
 11:00 AM – Potters, Canfield

Lector

4:00 PM – Luvender, Yamrick
 8:30 AM – Konopka, Krispin
 11:00 AM – Smith, Kwasny

Eucharistic Minister

4:00 PM – Deacon, Yamrick, Osolnick
 8:30 AM – Deacon, Cegelka, Lisewski
 11:00 AM – Deacon, Potter, Lewko, Fronzoni



Sanctuary Candle

Dec. 2-Dec. 8 – Joseph Caltagirone by Mary & Clara
Dec. 9-Dec. 15 – Nicholas Pappas by Wife & Family
Dec. 16-Dec. 22 – Walter Lasiewicki by Family



Requesting the Sanctuary Candle or donating the Bread and Wine is a wonderful way to honor your loved one. It may also be offered in honor of a special occasion, intention or in thanksgiving. Please call the Parish Office for available dates and details.

Bread & Wine December – Nicholas Pappas by Wife & Family

Sunday Collection – November 25, 2018

\$4,776.23

Weekly amount needed to
 Meet operational expenses:

\$8,000.00

Difference

- \$3,223.77



Thank you and God bless your generosity!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:



Our “**Junior Choir**” will be singing under the direction of Mrs. Lewko before the 4:00PM Mass Christmas Eve. Please see Mrs. Lewko, Miss Koss or Mrs. Broda for more information.

Our **CCD Christmas Party** for all grades will be held on Sunday, December 16th during class time. There will be goodies, hot chocolate, songs and a Christmas story. See you there!





Sodality Sundays - all girls in third grade and older are welcome to participate in the 8:30AM Sodality Mass the second Sunday of the month. Please gather in the hall with Mrs. Nardell at 8:15.

Angel Tree - Sodality continues the annual Angel Tree tradition this year. Please take an angel from the tree and purchase the gift listed. Wrap the gift and attach the angel tag to it, and return by December 9th. The gifts listed on the angel tags will help children at St. John's Clothes Closet in Pittston. Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated especially during this season of charity.





Breakfast with Santa! will be held at the Banquet Hall of West Wyoming Hose Co #1, Sunday December 9th from 9:00AM until Noon. Santa will have small gifts for the children of all ages.

Tickets are \$8.00 - adults and \$5.00 - children and are available from any member. To pre-ordered tickets call 693-3660. Tickets also sold at the door. All proceeds benefit the Hose Company. All are welcome!

Hand-made Christmas Ornaments

To benefit Saint Damien Children's Hospital - Haiti's only children's hospital, founded by Fr. Dr. Rick Frechette, a Passionist priest and physician from our area. Saint Damien's multifaceted outreaches are free to the indigent of Haiti. Our Sale will take place immediately after all Masses on the weekend of December 15th & 16th. Thank you for your generosity.



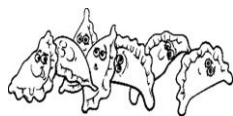


+ Father Peter wants to thank everyone who was so generous and compassionate to him and his family during the time of their mother's passing. Your thoughtfulness, sympathy and generosity are extremely appreciated. God bless you all.

+ Father also expresses his appreciation to our Christian Society for donating our new Lectionary and Roman Missal.

+ Our Parish Pierogi Sale was a wonderful success! Father Peter extends heartfelt blessings and gratitude to all who worked, and to all who supported, this noteworthy fundraiser.

Pierogi Sale – Enjoy!



Pierogi pick up is Saturday, December 1 from 2:00-3:45PM or after the 4:00PM Mass. If you are not able to pick up your pierogi on Saturday, please contact Maria Parra at 709-2335.



St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines “Toys for Tots” for this year’s Christmas Toy Drive. Last year we distributed toys to hundreds of children in the Wyoming Valley.

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E Jackson St., WB on Monday, December 17th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 3:00PM – 7:00 PM.

Toy Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, on Monday, December 17th from 9 AM – Noon. 3 PM – 7 PM

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We Need Donations of Toys!!!

To donate toys or new outerwear for the children, please contact Dianne at 406-9843. They can also be dropped off at the kitchen from 8 AM – 1 PM daily made through the Kitchen’s rear entrance on Bennett Street.

The **Free Clothing Room** at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen needs winter clothing for men, women and children. Donations can be dropped off at the Kitchen each day between 8:00AM and 1:00PM. Access to the Kitchen for dropping off donations is easiest from Bennett Street in the rear of the building. Thank you for your help! *If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and well fed,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? Faith without works is dead. (James 2):15-17*



A “**Cookie Walk**” for the Christmas holiday will be offered at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, in Dupont, on Sat., Dec. 8, 4:30-6:30PM and Sun., Dec. 9, 9:00AM-Noon. Many different choices of homemade cookies, candies and fudge will be available. Lucky buyers will pay by the pound for their selections, the price is \$8 per pound.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena begins – Friday, November 30th



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



Advent 2018

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



You are invited to take some time out from your busy Christmas preparations as we ready our hearts for the celebration of our Lord’s birth. On Monday, December 17th at 7:00PM we will gather for an evening of music and meditation. Immediately following we will enjoy holiday refreshments including hot cocoa, coffee and cookies. Everyone is welcome as we gather as a Parish family this Advent season here at Saint Monica’s.



All parishioners are invited to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Thursday, December 20th at 7:00PM at Saint John the Evangelist Church on William Street in Pittston. Many priests from our Deanery will be available to hear confessions as we prepare our hearts for the Birth of Jesus and celebrate the Gift of God’s Peace.

Holiday Choir Schedule



Junior Choir sings at 8:30AM Mass every 2nd Sunday
 Youth Choir sings every Sunday at 8:30AM
 Senior Choir practice Mondays 7:30PM for Advent and Christmas
 Christmas Eve 4:00PM Junior Choir ~ Carols at 3:30PM
 Christmas Eve 10:00PM Senior Choir ~ Carols at 9:40PM
 Christmas Day 10:00AM Mass Live Nativity 9:30AM



Cancer Patients Need Your Help – The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. You can drive your own car or an ACS owned vehicle. The schedule is flexible and rides are provided during the week. To learn more about becoming a Volunteer Road to Recovery Driver, please call 1-800-227-2345.

Bulletin Announcement Policy - Requests are best made two or three weeks prior to the event date and no later than the Monday before publication. Requests are not guaranteed inclusion and will be edited. Please do not submit graphics, information only. Material for requested announcement can be submitted by email, mailed to or dropped off to the Parish Secretary at the Parish office.





Word of Life “Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one’s face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”

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Catholic Kids

Coloring Page



You can make a beautiful **Advent Wreath** but it is going to take you 28 days! Advent is a time of waiting and praying. Just as Jesus came to us in a special way as a baby; he will come again and it is so worth the wait!!! Start by coloring the leaves green and berries red. Then on the:

First Week of Advent - Color the **HOPE** candle purple & the flame yellow

(As you color the flame each week pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!")

Second Week of Advent - Color the **PEACE** candle purple & the flame yellow

Third Week of Advent - Color the **JOY** candle pink & the flame yellow



Fourth Week of Advent - Color the **LOVE** candle purple & the flame yellow

The Week of Christmas - Color the **JESUS** candle white with green & red

(Don't forget to color the flame yellow and pray, Come, Lord Jesus!)

At the end, you will have a Beautiful **Advent Wreath** to enjoy and share!

And you will have a wonderful feeling of Love in your heart for Jesus!



DECEMBER HOLYDAY
AND
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – 6:30PM





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – 9:00AM



MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
LESSONS & CAROLS – 7:00PM



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE – 7:00PM



MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE – 4:00PM & 10:00PM



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY – 10:00AM



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD – 4:00PM



TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – 10:00AM