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## Mass Times

Mon - Sat 9:00 AM  
Saturday 5:30 PM (vigil)  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

## Confessions:

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# Advent

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
VIGIL ; TUESDAY, DEC. 7 AT 6 PM  
WEDS., DECEMBER 8, MASSES at 9 AM & 7 PM**



**RCIA - QUESTIONS FOR US?**

Anyone who has questions about our Catholic Faith & traditions is especially invited to give us a call. What are the things you wonder about as we come together to worship? How do you see your journey with the Lord? Please consider asking & we'll try to come together to explore the answers with you. The door is open. Call Lale on ext. 22.



**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU  
"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE MY  
LAST CONFESSION"**



On **Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 6 to 9 pm** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in every parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Now is the time. God is waiting to offer you forgiveness, healing and peace. The light is on and the confessional door will be open. Confessions are also scheduled on **Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 4:30 PM.**

**SHARING TREE PROJECT**



The sharing tree gifts must be brought to church **NO LATER THAN 12:30 ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 (NEXT SUNDAY!)** Make sure you attach the tag to each gift. The sorting & bundling of gifts will begin immediately following the 11:30 Mass next week-end. Please plan to stay & help. It doesn't take long - the more the merrier!! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office 412-366-2020 (ext. 10) or [Cathy Vollmer at cathy.vollmer@gmail.com.](mailto:Cathy.Vollmer@gmail.com)



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

*Amazing Grace*

DECEMBER 6, 7, 8 - 7 PM

MON-	7:00 - Fr. Scott
TUE -	4:30 Confessions
	6:00 Mass
	7:00 Fr. Scott
WED -	7:00 Mass w/ Extended Homily by Fr. Scott



FR. SCOTT SEETHALER

how to tie a tie  
am i saved  
why is the sky blue  
**why are we here** 🔍  
how to boil an egg  
who is jesus  
if god is good...

**YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**  
seeking answers together...join us



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**NOVEMBER BAPTISMS**

*We welcome into our Community of Faith...*

June Nora Bell, daughter of  
Brad & Chelsie (Kozera) Bell

Ella Grace Dixon, daughter of  
Tyler & Sarah (Mamma) Dixon

Ruby Shea Spence, daughter of  
Taylor and Melissa (Cuddy) Spence

Anthony Theodore Taccone, son of  
Andrew & Elizabeth (Dannerth) Taccone

Penn Robert Warner, son of  
Jeff & Elizabeth (Overbaugh) Warner

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

SJN offers low gluten hosts for those who require it. We have taken every precaution to assure you that the hosts will not be cross contaminated. The priest will have the gluten free hosts during Communion. Call the parish office (ext. 10) with any questions.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**Please get articles for the bulletin in as early as possible as we have early deadlines for the Christmas & New Year bulletins from our publisher. Fed Ex & UPS are also requesting extra time for delivery due to the busy holiday rush.**

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Bless a child this Christmas. The holidays always bring extra stress, whether with family, finances, scheduling or parenting over-excited kids. At Safe Families PGH we try to meet basic tangible needs at this time of year to alleviate any stress that lack of food - or finding nice clothes for that family gathering -might create. Our families don't need to face this time of year alone - they have us in their corner. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting new clothes from our Target Registry for 25 of the children that we work with through the Safe Families program. We are hoping to collect 5 outfits, a sweatshirt, a pair of shoes, socks and underwear for each child. **We are collecting through Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.** These clothes will be gifted to the parents prior to Christmas. **WANT TO DONATE?** Please order through the website or using the QR code if possible. Those items go DIRECTLY to SFFC for distribution. The registry will be updated every Wednesday - [www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/safefamiliesclothingcollection](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/safefamiliesclothingcollection). THANK YOU for your great generosity! Contact Lale [lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org](mailto:lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org) with questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS**

*Join us for faith, fun, friendship, service projects and social nights!*

**Encounter - Youth Night**

Sundays 7 - 9 PM

Dec. 5, 12, and 19

Youth Room at St. John Neumann

**Social/Game Night & Bible Study**

Thursdays 7 - 9 PM

Dec. 2, 9, and 16

Youth Room at Assumption



Text 'ENCOUNTER' to 84576 to receive text updates!

**VOLUNTEERS RETURN TO FOOD BANK**

St. John Neumann volunteers have returned to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. If you would like to be put on the contact list for the monthly repack crew to fill boxes on an assembly line and/or sort donated items, please contact Sarah Schneider at [saranjs1@aol.com](mailto:saranjs1@aol.com). **Next date: Tuesday, Dec. 21.** SJN has been volunteering there since 1991.

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT'S "TOO BUSY TIME"**

Heavenly Father, help me to consider that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young person who couldn't make change correctly at first may be a worried 19 year old college student, balancing his apprehension over finals with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

**ADVENT MATERIALS – HE COMES!**

Prepare your hearts and homes to welcome Jesus our Lord. Please look at the tables near Bovard Hall for materials for reflection and Advent candles and calendars. Prepare to welcome Jesus our greatest gift by perusing the materials we have for sale in the lobby. What you do as a family to reflect on Advent, then celebrate our faith in Christ as Infant King shapes your children's faith for all time. Advent is the New Year of the Church. Make a New Church Year resolution and make this a holy Advent for you and your family! Perhaps, send some materials to your grandchildren, nieces and nephews - spread our faith! If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Lale on ext. 22 or email [lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org](mailto:lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org). God bless your Advent! **YOU will make the difference! The Little Blue Books are in!!**

## PRAYERS OF THE MASS

### Penitential Rite

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Music for Mass

**Opening:** On Jordan's Bank 418  
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we are filled with joy!  
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Amen 360  
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Jesus, Hope of the World 909  
**Closing:** Christ, Be Our Light 590

## Readings for Mass

### Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;  
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:  
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,  
bear on your head the mitre  
that displays the glory of the eternal name.  
For God will show all the earth your splendor:  
you will be named by God forever  
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children  
gathered from the east and the west  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.  
Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:  
but God will bring them back to you  
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.  
For God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low,  
and that the age-old depths and gorges  
be filled to level ground,  
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.  
The forests and every fragrant kind of tree  
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;  
for God is leading Israel in joy  
by the light of his glory,  
with his mercy and justice for company.

### Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:  
I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,  
because of your partnership for the gospel  
from the first day until now.  
I am confident of this, that the one who began  
a good work in you will continue to complete it  
until the day of Christ Jesus.

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God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer:

that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

### A Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.

### FAMILY NIGHT OUT NEW DATES!



20 families in attendance had a great time at Family Fun Night in October eating, visiting and making treats for those unable to get out to Mass. What a great way to relax and meet new friends and have free child care for an hour!! **In 2022 our dates to meet will be Fridays, January 7, March 4 and May 6.** Invite your friends. Contact Lale [lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org](mailto:lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org) to be added to the evite list. We are thankful for YOU!

The purpose of Advent is not to shop but to learn to wait. Teaching your child to delay gratification is an important life skill

**W**aiting gives us time to make a good decision to do or buy the right thing.

**A**nticipation can enhance appreciation.

**I**ntant gratification is often fleeting.

**T**ake stock of your blessings.

### 13TH OF THE MONTH ROSARY & PROGRAM

Join Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, at St. Teresa of Avila on **Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 pm** in the Church for recitation of the Rosary & presentation by Fr. Scott Seethaler, entitled “Facing the Future with Hope.”

### GIFT CARDS FOR SALE!

Are you looking to buy gift cards for those hard to please friends on your Christmas list? Please check out our selection below. As we are not replenishing our gift card supply, we are hoping to sell what we have remaining. Please call Joan at the parish office (ext. 10) & I'll be happy to meet you after Mass to pick up your cards. We do not have any Giant Eagle gift cards left.

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Sir Pizza	TJ Maxx/Marshalls	Olive Garden
Target	Kohl's	Whole Foods
Walmart	Eat N Park	Walnut Grove



### The Light Of the World



The 2nd Sunday of advent symbolizes the virtue of *Faith* with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s long journey to Bethlehem. Each time we light an advent candle we journey one week closer to the coming of “the light of the world.” The opposite of light is darkness. This leads to a separation of man from God, nature and neighbor. This separation is sin. In Genesis, light was the first of God’s creations and “God saw that the light was good.” With the light of Christ, we receive the revelation of the living Word, the clarity to call to mind our sins and the warmth of God’s unending love and forgiveness. May the light of the world illuminate the straight path along your Advent journey.

*“O praise Him! Alleluia!*

*Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man  
both warmth and light.” – St. Francis of Assisi*

The Creation Care Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month  
Tony Kerzmann: [TKerzmann@gmail.com](mailto:TKerzmann@gmail.com)

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>	
Sunday, Dec. 5, 2nd Sunday of Advent	
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	
8:00.....	Andrew Palmisano (Vetera Family)
9:30.....	George O’Friel (John & Maureen Wall)
11:30.....	Theresa McNulty Curry (Rubino Family)
<b>Monday, Dec. 6</b>	
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26	
9:00.....	Bettie Katalin (Bill & Elaine Lafayette)
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 7</b>	
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14	
9:00..	Tish Nite (John & Margaret Kelman)
6:00.....	Nick Latterner (Carole & Mark Shepard)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	
9:00.....	Lew & Iris Full (Full Family)
7:00.....	David Nabuda (Jan, Dan & Jim)
<b>Thursday, Dec. 9</b>	
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15	
9:00.....	Tom Gierl (Mary Lou)
<b>Friday, Dec. 10</b>	
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19	
9:00.....	Evelyn Snyder (Terosky Family)
<b>Saturday, Dec. 11</b>	
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	
9:00.....	For the Souls in Purgatory
5:30 .....	Edith Caruso (Deacon Rick & Carol Caruso)
<b>Sunday, Dec. 12, 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18	
8:00.....	For the People of SJN Parish
9:30.....	Katy Anke (Family)
11:30.....	Fr. Phil Fink (Full Family)

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**Baptism Preparation:** Please call Lisa 412.366.5885 x. 12 to register or more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays @ 9:30 am, Weds @6pm.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made in person at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you or a family member is a candidate for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick due to age, illness, upcoming risky surgery, or hospitalization, please contact our parish office.

**Prayer Line:** Need prayer for any reason? Call or text at 412.512.1536 or email to sjnprayer@gmail.com. Prayer intentions for the month are listed at <http://bellworthparkpghprayer.blogspot.com>

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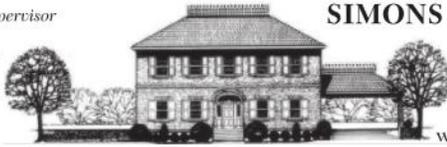
  
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