

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 3, 8:00 a.m.**

All Souls Intentions

**Tuesday, December 4, 8:00 a.m.**

Barbara Knoebel by Ed & Judy Gappa

**Wednesday, December 5, 8:00 a.m.**

All Soul Intentions

**Thursday, December 6, 8:00 a.m.**

All Souls Intentions

**Friday, December 7**

No Mass

**Saturday, December 8, 12:00 noon, Chapel  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Special Intention for Kay Shaffer by Fr. Joe

**Saturday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.**

Frank Ferrari by Family

**Sunday, December 9, 8:00 a.m.**

Deceased Mothers of Koppen & Brokus Families  
by Brokus Family

**Sunday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.**

People of the Parish

### **Sanctuary Lamps & Votive Candles**

**Church** – Jim Smith by Jean Smith

**Chapel** – Sick of our Parish

**Blessed Mother** – Advent Intentions

**St. Joseph** – Special Intention

**A** reminder that we can make home Communion Calls to shut-ins and those recently discharged from the hospital. Please call the Parish Office to provide your information. Also visits are made to parishioners who are residents in area nursing homes. If you are hospitalized please have the Hospital Chaplain's office notified upon your admission.

**T**he Annual Faith in Action Yard Sale will be held once again on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will begin accepting items January 19<sup>th</sup>. No clothing, shoes, electronics, or suitcases please! The Super Bowl Soup Sale will also be held that weekend. Soup orders will begin after Christmas.



## ***We Are Called To Be A Tithing Parish***

Your financial support of our parish is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity.

### **Tithing Income**

November 18, 2018 – \$7,934.00

November 19, 2017 - \$8,990.00

November 25, 2018 - \$5,512.00

November 26, 2017 - \$6,338.00

### **Knights of Columbus Council #14161**

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Contact JP Marinari, Grand Knight or speak with any member of the council about your eligibility. **Next council meeting** will be held

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

### **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

#### **Miller's Gas & Oil Co., Inc.**

Thank you for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin. If you own a business or think your employer would be interested in additional advertising exposure, please refer to the back cover of the bulletin for information. We currently have a few spots open.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School**

#### **Our Parish School**

Visit the school website at [www.lourdes.k12.pa.us](http://www.lourdes.k12.pa.us)

### **13 Week Club** – Ticket sales for the next 13

Week Club drawings have begun will end on December 16<sup>th</sup>, drawings begin January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Tickets are \$15.00** and make great stocking stuffers or tuck them in a Christmas card.

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Munich**

#### **Germany for the Oberammergau Passion Play**

Join us for a Parish Pilgrimage planned for September 2020. Ten day tour of points of interest in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Olives, and much more. Wrap up the tour in Munich Germany for the Oberammergau Passion Play. Contact Pat Wondoloski (570-672-2516) for additional information and to register for the information meeting. Cost is \$4,598 per person and the trip will depart from New York. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Call Pat today!

### **Advent Mission Project** – As you are

aware we have chosen **Toys for Tots** as our mission project. We are already receiving toys! If you've shopped already you may drop off your toys in the bin in the vestibule. Teams are still being accepted to help fill toy orders at the warehouse.

**Faith in Action Cookie Walk and Basket Raffle** – Gift Baskets and items for baskets are now being accepted for the Dec. 15 – 16 event. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the usher’s room. Baking items are also needed (flour, sugar, brown sugar, Crisco, chocolate chips, powdered sugar, vanilla extract, cocoa powder, etc…) Please mark donations “COOKIE WALK”.

**Best Advent Ever** – Sign up now for Dynamic Catholic’s free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Go to their website and sign up today! [www.bestadventever.com](http://www.bestadventever.com)

**Help Wanted** – We are searching for a volunteer to help in the CCD Office on a Sunday morning. Substitute Teachers are also desperately needed. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Sr. Joseph Therese.

**Life Line Screening** will be here on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Information is available on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule for you to register for an appointment with a discount. Make your appointment today, slots are filling up quickly!

**Help Wanted** – the Sisters of Sts. Cyril & Methodius are seeking a Director of Mission Advancement. The candidate will guide fundraising efforts for the sisters as well as Maria Joseph Manor. For a complete job description please contact Sr. Michael Ann Orlik at [smaosscm@hotmail.com](mailto:smaosscm@hotmail.com)

**Advent Penance Services**

Sun. Dec. 9 – Our Lady of Hope, Coal Township  
Mon. Dec. 10 - Holy Angels, Kulpmont  
Tues. Dec. 11 – Holy Rosary, Elysburg  
Wed. Dec. 12 – Divine Redeemer, Mt. Carmel  
Thurs. Dec. 13 – St. Patrick, Trevorton  
All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m. You also have the opportunity for confession every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Heart of Mercy Ministry** – Individual counseling for women is now available at 190 Maria Hall Drive, Danville. The service is provided by Sister Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical social Worker. Issues may include depression, anxiety, relationship problems, as well as other concerns. You may contact Sr. Mary Frances at 410-245-0870. Counseling fees are based on a sliding scale.

**Candlelight Christmas Concert** – Susquehanna Valley Chorale will host the annual concert at Zion Lutheran church, Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 9, 3:00 p.m. Concert features the traditional ringing-in of Christmas and the Susquehanna Valley Youth Chorale.

**Advent Activity #1 – Monday December 3.** Father Joe’s Advent Class. Soup and Sandwich supper starting at 6:00 p.m., class will begin at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Slough Hall. Everyone is welcome!

**The Meaning of the Advent Wreath** - Obscure in origin it is believed that the Advent Wreath may have had its beginnings in the pagan fire wheel. In Christian symbolism the wheel or wreath stands for eternity. Its use is especially fitting during Advent the season of the anticipation of the coming of our Lord. Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives. Prepare your home Advent Wreath now!

**Lourdes Pot O’ Gold** tickets are available in the vestibule, \$2.00 each, .50 cents of each ticket remains here in the parish! Tickets must be returned by December 2.

**Resources For Advent** - Prepare your heart and mind for Christ this Advent with resources available at [www.HbgDiocese.org/advent](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/advent) You will find daily suggestions for prayer, reflection, action and blessing that can be used during the Advent season. A list of Advent Penance Services along with Penance and Reconciliation resources will be available. Also find a list of the top 20 Christmas movies from Catholic News Service. The material is courtesy of Diocesan offices, the US Catholic Bishops and other fine Catholic institutions.

**Christmas Decoration Memorial**

Memorial Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\$10.00 each Memorial